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Ministers risk new battle with EU

# Britain is set to abandon mad cow cull

By Philip Webster and Nigel Hawkes

THE planned slaughter of 125,000 cattle is likely to be shelved by ministers tomorrow. and the cull - designed to persuade Europe to lift the ban on British beef exports may never be carried out.

The move, which could inflame the dispute between Britain and her European partners, comes in the light of new research suggesting that "mad cow" disease will die out naturally in five years and reflects ministers' pessimism that the EU will agree to raise the ban this autumn. Conservative business managers also doubt that the order authorising the cull would get through the House of

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Commons. No new cases of the CJD variant which sparked the beef crisis have been reported in the past three months and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, is now expected to suggest to the ministerial committee on the BSE crisis that the whole culling scheme

reduce the culling programme would inflame tensions with the European Commission and individual member states, and put a big hole in the Florence summit agreement which ended the British policy of non-cooperation with the EU. But it would delight the farming community and Conservative MPs from rural areas who have become increasingly vociferous in their opposition to the slaughter.

Mr Hogg will meet Franz Fischler, the European Farm

Commissioner, on Monday to

### Legal aid plans abandoned

The Government has shelved proposals which would have stopped legal aid for undeserving cases and forced people to pay towards their

The reforms, which were a central part of the White Paper on the £1.4 billion legal aid scheme published by the Lord Chancellor in July, are not now expected to appear in the Queen's Speech this

discuss the prospects for lifting the ban, but the indications have not been favour-The minister is understood to believe that with if there is little likelihood of the ban being lifted soon, there is no point in pressing ahead with a cull that had never been justified on scientific grounds.

Ministers agree, however, that some 22,000 cattle should be slaughtered as a result of the discovery in August that BSE can be passed from mother to calf. Mr Hogg immediately accepted that the slaughter scheme should be widened to include a limited number of the "last born" calves from injected cows.

An Oxford University study showing that BSE was in rapid decline, that it was likely to peter out by 2001 and that slaughtering thousands more cows would not hasten the process has meanwhile added fuel to the internal Tory

Under present plans, MPs would consider the order authorising the selective cull next month, and it would be put into effect almost immediately. But during the summer recess more and more Tory MPs suggested that they would not back the programme, and unless Labour supported the order — which appears unlikely — the Gov-ernment would not get it

Ministers fear that even if the Commons did agree the cull, the European Commismight demand even While they accept that it would be difficult to retreat from the Florence deal, they believe they can argue that the situation has changed. An informed source said last night: 'The world of science has moved on since Florence. We have followed science so far and we must take account of the new evidence."

The British Association for the Advancement of Science was meanwhile being told that no cases of the new form of Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease had been confirmed since the end of May, leaving the total at 12. Professor John Pattison of University College London said: That means the news could have been very much worse. But good news will be a

lot of time to be sure of." In March, when the new strain was first identified and tentatively linked to infected beef, Professor Pattison suggested that there could eventually be 500,000 cases.



Ross and Carolyn Jenkins, who say they will sue the Great Ormond Street children's hospital after a doctor there was criticised by a coroner for "unwise and erroneous" actions which led to the death of their daughter Debbie, six

### Swiss bankers told to repay £4.6 billion of Nazi gold

By MICHAEL BINYON AND JAMES LANDALE

A HUGE hoard of gold looted by the Nazis during the Second World War is still being held in Swiss banks, the Foreign Office disclosed yesterday — and now Britain is to ask for it back.

A top Swiss bank official has admitted that gold worth \$500 million — £4.6 billion at today's prices - was hidden in the country's vaults, but only a fraction has been surrendered.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, will use a visit to Zurich next week to demand that the Swiss trace and repay the rest. He will tackle his opposite number, Flavio Cotti, in the light of the Foreign Office report he commissioned in response to questions about the Government's role in tracking down the gold and suspicions that Britain was sitting on a fortune.

The report concluded that gold smelted from occupied countries' bullion reserves and concentration camp victims' jewellery was exported to all the neutral countries throughout the war, with by far the largest share going to Switzer-land. About \$223 million of gold came from Belgium, \$193 million from The Netherlands and up to \$24 million from Hungary. The ingots were, however, stamped with false pre-war dates so that the Swiss could claim that they did not knowingly receive any olundered gold.

They admitted after the war that they had bought \$88 million of gold traceable to Belgium and about \$415 million of German gold, but said they could not be held liable to

restore all of the looted gold.
After lengthy negotiations,
Switzerland agreed in 1946 to
repay some 250 million Swiss francs in gold - described by the allies as better than nothing - although neither it nor the gold found hidden in

Germany has yet been returned to its owners.

More than 50 years after the German surrender, more than 5,000kg of ingots are also being stored by the Bank of England because of a deadlock over Albanian gold, also held in Britain, which has only recently been broken.

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Hundreds of thousands of claimants are seeking repayment and all those who will receive a share have been identified. But most of the gold lost during the war has never been recovered and the Bank of England estimated in 1945 that there was enough to meet only just over half of the claims. This meant, inevitably, that no country would receive back all the gold it claimed to have lost and that individual claims would be extremely difficult to prosecute." yesterday's Foreign Office report said

Greville Janner, chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust, which put pressure on Mr Rifkind to initiate the investigation, welcomed the report, but described it as inconclusive and said that it raised as many questions as it answered.

While the report dealt with gold stolen from national banks, it revealed little about gold looted from individuals. He also wanted to know how much gold ended up in Britain and how much was still here. Eldred Tabachnik, presi-

dent of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said: "It's significant because it's the first independent confirmation that Switzerland received a great deal of looted Jewish gold and it's important now that we ascertain how much gold there is and what should be done with it."

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### Saddam fires missiles at **US** planes

IRAQ said last night that its air defence units had fired three missiles at American aircraft policing the no-fly zone in southern Iraq, forcing the "hostile targets" to flee.

An Iraqi military spokes man, quoted by the official News Agency, said: The American enemy planes violated Iraq's air space using

Arabia, flying 88 sorties." Last week Saddam Hussein said he would ignore air exclusion zones declared by America, Britain and France over northern and southern Iraq in the aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War. (Reuter)

bases in Turkey and Saudi

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### Blair kicking us in teeth, say furious union leaders

By JILL SHERMAN AND PHILIP BASSETT industrial disputes which take

us backwards not forwards".

TONY BLAIR tried last night to defuse the worsening dispute over Labour's plans to curb strike action as trade union leaders accused him of "kicking them in the teeth".

The Labour leader arrived in Blackpool yesterday to face fierce protests from trade unionists over his proposals to force unions to ballot their members again if employers put forward a better offer during a dispute. He was also snubbed by post office union leaders who called two more Royal Mail strikes for this month after pointedly refusing to ballot their members.

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, who is regarded as one of Mr Blair's allies, also fuelled the row by accusing Labour of issuing confusing statements on the serious issues of avoiding and resolving



... and this range is particularly popular among revolutionaries

tion Workers' Union said that it would hold 24-hour strikes on September 20 and 22. They come after eight previous strikes over pay and working practices. Last night, David Blunkett, Shadow Education and Employment Secretary. intensified trade union anger by announcing a four-point plan to try to prevent damag-ing public sector disputes. The measures include extending the present pay review bodies to cover other public sector workers and calling on employers and trade unions to

resolve disputes But the plan was thrown into confusion when the Labour leadership appeared to backtrack on one of the main Continued on page 2. col 4

enter binding agreements to

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### Fears of surge in winter meningitis

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A SURGE in meningitis cases this winter was predicted by public health specialists yesterday after official figures revealed that last winter's total was the highest for more than

The figures, published by the Office for National Statistics, show that the number of meningococcal meningitis cases between October and March was 835, the highest since the early 1970s.

England and Wales were worst affected, and so far there has been no similar rise in Scotland. Sir Kenneth Calman, the Government's chief medical officer, told the Commons health select committee earlier this year that meningitis was the disease he

feared most this winter. The meningococcal form of the disease is the most comof all cases of meningitis. One in ten of the population carries the bacterium, and can pass it on by close contact. The disease is most common in children aged under four, but last winter there was a sharp rise in the number of teenagers affected. In 1995 it caused 196 deaths.

Cases of meningococcal meningitis rose 27 per cent between the March quarters of 1995 and 1996, from 373 to 475, and cases of meningococcal septicaemia rose 83 per cent, from 207 to 379. Public health specialists say the high rates have continued through the summer.

However, the health department played down the rise. A spokeswoman said: "We dispute the way the figures have been presented. There has been an increase, but not of

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### Catherine Cookson does it her way at 90

BY ROBIN YOUNG

AGED 90, Dame Catherine Cookson, whose books have sold more than 100 million copies, is launching a new career as a singer with the release in November of a tape featuring her renditions of oldtime favourites and songs she has written herself. Called Her Way, the tape has been mixed and cleared of extraneous background noise at the Abbey Road studios immortalised by the Beatles. Dame Catherine, who is bedridden

with a rare blood disorder, recorded some

of the songs ten years ago, when she was 80. She said: "I experimented for my own pleasure and discovered that, if I put my heart into it, I could sing." The tapes were stored in the attic when

she became ill, but were recently rediscovered by her husband, Tom. "He played them and we were impresssed as this woman began to sing," she said. "I could not believe it was me." The tape was played to Ray Marshall,

who produces all the Cookson films on

television, and he arranged for Colin

provide backing music. Mr Marshall, who is currently shooting another Cookson drama, The Rag Nymph, said that a sneak preview of the finished tapes was held at Dame Catherine's ninetieth birthday party, adding: "It was quite something, and had a lot of people in tears

it was very moving."

Dame Catherine intersperses her songs with explanations of what they mean to her. In one example, she says: "My grandfather always sang Danny Boy to me when he'd had a drink and was three sheets to the wind." Towns, who writes scores for television, to



Dame Catherine: on song

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# Tans to overhaul legal aid system are shelved

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to stop legal aid funds asted on undeserving cases b force people to pay towards fegal aid bills have effectively shelved by the Government. he reforms, a central part of the lite Paper on the £1.4 billion sal aid scheme published by the ord Chancellor in July, are not now expected to be in the Queen's Speech this autumn.

The measures would have seen people paying far more towards

their legal aid bills. In some civil disputes they would have had to make contributions well beyond the end of a case, putting their homes at risk.

The White Paper reforms also included a new, stiffer "deservingness" test aimed at stopping legal aid funds being used on what the Government sees as "too many weak, trivial and undeserving cases". A third measure was to enable people who win a case against a legally-aided opponent to recoup their costs. However, despite early hopes

art of a likely Bill on civil justice eforms, it now looks certain that ney will not be part of the lovernment's legislative proramme in the run-up to a general lection.

Instead, the Lord Chancellor's Department is likely to press ahead vith those parts of the White Paper vhich can be implemented without egislation. These are mainly wideranging reforms to create a National Health Service-style internal market in legal services, with legal aid delivered under block con-

at the legal aid changes could be tracts. Gary Streeter, MP, Junior Minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department, indicated that other parts of the reforms would also be delayed. He told the Justices Clerks Society in Warwick that, under the reforms, the Legal Aid Board would be taking over the job of granting criminal legal aid from

magistrates courts.
Instead, all legal aid would be handled by the Legal Aid Board which would award block contracts to law firms and advice agencies. Mr Streeter said yesterday, however, that the change could, realisti-

cally, take several years. "Legislation is needed to enable contracting of full legal aid services to advice agencies," he said.

The disclosure that a Legal Aid Bill is effectively shelved comes as the legal profession is preparing a full-scale campaign of opposition to the measures. Today, the Law Society, the solicitors professional body, and nine advice and civil liberty organisations, will issue a joint statement opposing the

Russell Wallman, of the Law Society, said he would welcome a gradual approach to the plans, enabling them to be tested in pilot projects and research, rather than swift legislation. He said: "There is, in fact, no need now for legislation to ration legal aid by cash limits because, far from being out of control, the budget has in recent

years been underspent." Nor, he added, was there a need for legislation to create a new "deservingness" test. The granting of legal aid was already controlled by existing rules, although these

could be tightened. Guy Mansfield, QC, vice-chaircommittee, said it was a pity the Government was not proceeding with a long-overdue reform on the legal aid merits test which, he said, would meet public concern that legal aid goes to deserving cases. "Instead, they will now proceed with other measures which are tinkering at the edges - such as proposals for standard fees for advocates which are simplistic and crude, and amount to a Barbashing exercise which will ensure that people on legal aid do not get a competent service."

### Labour may hit the wealthy to avoid having to raise top rate for earnings

# Blair may adopt US tactic to close tax loopholes

THE Labour leadership is considering ways of reducing tax loopholes enjoyed by the wealthy as an alternative to raising the top marginal rate of income tax of 40 per cent.

Among the options being examined is a requirement for very wealthy people to pay a set minimum amount of income in tax and limit the total benefits they receive from various tax allowances and

The system is a key weapon in America that ensures the very rich pay a significant

New Labour is launching a fresh drive to encourage young people to join the party by cutting its membership fee to just £1 for those aged 15 to 21. The usual annual fee is £15. In another move, members who pay their subscription for the next three years will get an extra year free.

devious - their accountants. A second option is to cap the

amount people can receive in cepts that he will have to make proportion of their income in clear well before the general tax, however skilful — or election whether a Labour

### Where red tape beats dodgers

By Sara McConnell

WOULD-BE tax dodgers in the US have a hard time of it. The tax system is specially designed to extract a payment from every individual and company in the country, however clever their accountants and however nifty their manipulation of the system.

The secret weapon of the Internal Revenue Service is the Alternative Minimum Tax, introduced in 1986 in an effort to stop wealthy individuals and companies from taking advantage of tax sbelters

The AMT runs alongside the mainstream tax system and is effectively a second regime in its own right with its own allowances and tax credits. Taxpavers under this regime are allowed less generous tax breaks and have less leeway to put off paying the AMT system, individuals pay a flat rate of 26 per cent (28 per cent for taxable income of \$175,000 [£116.000] or more) while companies pay a flat rate of 20 per cent.

But, according to Charles Merriman, partner in charge of Ernst & Young's US and international tax desk, the AMT is "outrageously complex and an administrative burden". Some US commake expensive adjustments to their computer systems to take account of two different, parallel tax regimes. On top of this, the system has not led to more tax flowing into US

federal coffers. It is up to taxpayers themselves to assess whether they have to file tax returns under AMT or under the mainstream regime as part of the US self-assessment system.

top marginal rate. An announcement is likely after the Budget in November. Labour leaders have repeat-

edly said they do not want to reintroduce penal rates of personal taxation. They are also aware that any increase in the top marginal rate, even if it affects only a few people, will be presented and exploited by the Tories as a tax increase and could affect the attitudes of middle income earners, traditionally aspiring to a higher tax bracket.

The party is looking at how the very well-off, those earning well over £100,000 a year, may exploit tax allowances and loopholes to reduce the average rate of tax they pay to below the top 40 per cent marginal rate. Apart from the main personal allowances. there are also ways of reducing tax liabilities by making maximum pension contributions and through various venture capital schemes.

Labour will argue that this small group should pay a "fairer" share of taxes, but the party won't want to be seen to be penalising success, so laying itself open to Tory charges of raising the overall

Left-wingers want to raise taxes on the rich, so that an attack on loopholes could be presented as an alternative to an electorally more risky rise though this has not been ruled

There are problems with all the main alternatives to raising the top rate. For instance, the politically strange position could arise that, if the Government insisted that everyone should pay a miminum percentage of their income in tax. the rate might have to be fixed below the top 40 per cent. This would be necessary to prevent the creation of a new steep marginal rate at the level of earnings where the new mini-mum rate of tax would have to

There are parallel problems with limiting the total amount of allowances which any individual can enjoy, in effect clawing back some of these allowances. Some of these difficulties could be avoided by phasing in the new arrangements. No decisions



### Blair 'kicking us in teeth'

Continued from page 1 proposals. Mr Blunkert and Mr Blair seemed to play down the idea of immediate legislation to farce unions to to hold new ballots of their members. Party sources said later that negotiations over all the proposals would start with Acas next Thursday, but if legisla-tion was needed, it would be introduced.

They also made clear that individual members needed to be consulted about new offers and that while other options could be considered, it was likely that that could be done only through legally enforce-able second ballots.

Lew Adams, general secretary of the train drivers' union. Aslef, led a hostile reception to Mr Blair. He said that he could not accept the proposals

and accused the Labour leadership of "union-bashing and virtually kicking the trade union movement in the teeth". Mr Adams said he could not believe what he was hearing from Labour in warning the unions that legislation would be needed to implement some of the measures. "It is a tragedy that we could see the first Queen's Speech contain the ninth piece of anti-union legislation - coming from Labour. Mr Blunkett would be

better employed looking after the unemployed." Many trade union leaders were also privately angry about comments Mr Blunkett made yesterday morning when, in an article in the Evening Standard, he dubbed some unionists as "armchair revolutionaries". He wrote:

ment is not going to tolerate the activities of armchair revolutionaries whose only interest is disruption and who use disputes as an opportunity for mischief-making.

Mr Blair made clear on his arrival that he would disregard the troublemakers within the trade union movement. but he was sure that "sensible" union leaders would support his plans. He denied that he was "bashing" anyone or try-ing to play politics with any-one. "We are looking at new ways to resolve disputes in a new labour market where there is intense competition round the world," he said, adding: "You are not going to solve the problems of the 21st century with the debates of the

### Cable firms force BT to cut prices

British Telecom, losing more than 50,000 customers a month to cable competitors, is cutting its prices. From October 8, the cost of evening and night-time national calls will come down 20 per cent, from 5.8p to 4.65p a minute, while daytime national calls will fall from 9.8p to 8.8p a minute. BT cut international weekend charges earlier this week by between 5 and 23 per cent and yesterday reduced weekday calls between 10 and 25 per cent. A five-minute call to the US next month will be 92p a minute, down 31 per cent from early September. Consumer reaction, page 25

### Royal family talks

Senior members of the Royal family and their advisers are to meet at Balmoral this mouth for a review of the future of the monarchy, for the first time since the Prince of Wales's divorce. They are likely to discuss how to rebuild the Prince's image, the monarch as head of the Church of England, and the 1701 Act of Settlement which debars heirs to the throne from marrying Roman Catholics.

### Dunblane memorial

The Prince of Wales has accepted an invitation from relatives of the victims of the Dunblane shooting to attend a memorial service for the 16 children and their teacher who died. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, and George Robertson, the Shadow Scottish Secretary who lives in Dunblane, are also expected to attend the service at Dunblane cathedral on October 9.

### School boycott halted

Parents yesterday called off their boycott of a Nottinghamshire school where an allegedly unruly ten-year-old is receiving personal tuition to avoid a strike by teachers. Fifty pupils at Manton Junior School, Worksop, were kept at home for a second day yesterday but parents said they would send them back today as "a show of good faith".

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### Designer is cleared

The designer of an award-winning building has succeeded in overturning proceedings in which she was convicted of being unqualified as an architect and fined £2,000. Gabriele Bramante, who won four awards for her Citizens' Advice Bureau building in Chessington, Surrey, said she had not been told of the proceedings until they were over.

### Abusers to be shielded

People who allegedly abused youngsters from children's homes in Wales are to be granted anonymity. Sir Ronald Waterhouse, chairman of an inquiry ordered by the Welsh Secretary, said at a preliminary hearing in Ewloc. Flintshire, that individuals against whom allegations are made would be referred to by numbers or letters.

### Elderly most in fear

Elderly women are more afraid of attack than any other group but are at the least risk, a national police campaign launched yesterday claims. A police fact sheet aimed at reducing auxiety reports that I in 3 elderly women feel very unsafe but fewer than I in 4,000 will be assaulted. Young men feel the most secure but face a 1 in 38 chance of attack.

### First woman top gun

Helen Gardiner, 27, became the RAF's first woman fighter pilot to carry out a live intercept with "unfriendly" aircraft yesterday when she went into action in her Tornado F3 fighter. She was scrambled from RAF Leuchars, Fife, after two Russian maritime patrol aircraft were spotted flying into British airspace to spy on a Nato exercise.

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### Post union chiefs call more strikes

BY PHILIP BASSETT. INDUSTRIAL EDITOR conciliation service Acas. We

LEADERS of the main postal union last night announced two further Royal Mail strikes but the rail union called off three of the regional strikes due to hit train services today.

The move by the Communi-cation Workers' Union will lead to the Government suspending, probably today, the Post Office's statutory letter monopoly for a further three months, and could well see Labour Party leaders withdraw their tentative support for the postal strikes.

The two additional 24-hour strikes come after the eight the union has already staged over pay and working practices and which led to the PO's under-E) letter monopoly being suspended.

The strikes are to begin at 7pm on Friday, September 20, and at 10pm on Sunday, September 22, will severely hit mail services over the whole weekend in what the CWU said last night was a "precursor to a further range of strike action aimed at bringing the dispute to a satisfactory

Alan Johnson, CWU's joint general secretary, said: "We have talked to the employer

for over two years. We have

spent over 100 hours at the

conclusion".

Ministers now hope the new suspension will lead to commercial companies providing letter-carrying services in competition with the PO. Labour leaders, who have indicated that they would review their support for the PO strikes if more stoppages were called, are expected to consider their attitude towards the strikes - particularly since they were called by the union as party leaders put forward

new proposals to try to avert

have had cooling-off periods and briefing meetings. The

employer has refused to seri-

ously address our concerns.

We now have no alternatives

left except to intensify the

industrial action."

strikes in the public sector. The strikes planned for today that leaders of the Rail Maritime and Transport union called off would have affec-CrossCountry Trains. North London Railways and Merseyrail However, services are expected to be disrupted in four other companies: Regional Railways North East, North West Regional Railways, Scot-Rail, and South Wales and West Railway, Ballot results from eight other companies

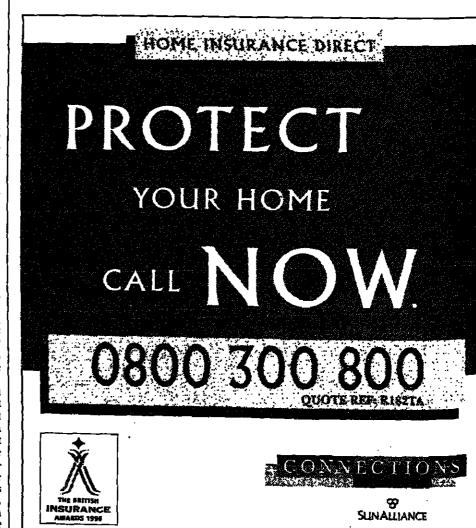
**TUC backs** single currency BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

UNIONS are to campaign for Britain to join a single currency at the earliest opportunity despite a warning that rushing in could bring a Labour government down.
The Trades Union Con-

gress endorsed Britain's early entry into monetary union even though Unison ab-stained and several others including the RMT opposed the idea. John Monks, general secretary of the TUC. called for support because there were more advantages in joining than in staying out.

Opponents fear that trying to meet the strict economic convergence criteria of the Maastricht treaty will mean big cuts in public expenditure and the loss of many jobs.

At a fringe meeting, Ken Livingstone, MP for Brent East, warned Tony Blair that if he took Britain into a single currency from the start his government would be faced with permanent recession. "Within 18 months we would be as unpopular as John Major and the Tories. We would be devastated in local government and the next election. Any talk about the need to get a second term would be washed away."





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Father of

Julie

Ward

halts film

By Carol Midgley

THE father of Julie Ward, the British woman found murdered in a Kenyan game reserve, has halted a BBC film about the hunt for her killers,

complaining it was being

turned into a Hollywood-style

John Ward, 63, who has

waged an eight-year cam-

paign for justice, had agreed

to sell the rights to his book to

the BBC, which wanted to

make a drama-documentary

about the story. But he said the

corporation later decided to

change the project to a full-

length feature film and intro-duced changes to the script.

ers did not like the "dull

periods" during his investiga-

sequences. They wanted to

include a fictitious attempt on

his life by masked men at

wife, Janet, as their marriage

Mr Ward said the produc-

blockbuster.

"This report is a whitewash, it

is a collection of corres-

punding opposites. On one

hand they say Muldoon and

his staff did wrong, on the

other they say they acted well."

were punctured during the

operation carried out by Mr

Muldoon's registrar and a

second operation was carried

the next day in an attempt to repair the damage. Some of

the wounds were not found,

necessitating further opera-

tions. Mrs Hallberg, 40, con-

heart and liver damage and

required a trachaeotomy to

His wife's bowel and merus

# Report into deaths at hospital finds catalogue of errors

By Paul Wilkinson

AN INVESTIGATION into a ership in specific cases and unit at Grimsby Hospital where three people died and failing to supervise juniors. two babies were stillborn has found a catalogue of errors. misjudgments and ineptitude.
A report published yesterday says that delicate surgery was carried out by unsuper-

and complaints wrongly handled. Michael Muldoon, consuliant in charge of the obstetrics and gynaecology department. escaped overall condemna-

communication, a lack of lead-

The Northern and York-shire region of the NHS executive has sent copies of the report to the General Medical Council for it to consider taking further action. Mr Muldoon, 60, retired last Janvised inexperienced staff, pauary while the inquiry team of tients had been misdiagnosed two outside specialists was gathering its evidence.

Michael Hallberg, a former policeman from Louth, Lincolnshire, whose wife Kay died in 1963, six weeks after going into Grimsby Hospital for an apparently routine scrape of the womb, said:

relieve lung problems. She also went blind before she "I want to know who killed my wife," Mr Hallberg, 44, rid. "I am absolutely disgusted by this report, it answers nothing. I am talking to my solicitor about suing the hospital. They are moral cowards, no one has yet told me why my wife died."

The inquiry report con-cludes that: "The tragedy might have been avoided by better assessment of the competence and better supervision of the junior doctor before she was allowed to operate on her own and earlier involvement of a general surgeon to deal with the complication of the received further training in before her third birthday ion that an expectant mother



Terry and Diane Parnell with son Jack. The parents blame the hospital for their daughter Mishka's death

gynaecological procedure." Mr Hallberg said the junior in question, a Dr Padma, returned to India shortly before his wife's inquest. All inquiries have failed to trace her.

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Jane Davies, whose sister Carol Richardson died from massive bleeding after Mr Muldoon accidentally severed an artery during a hysterecto-my in August 1990, said: "This report is a load of rubbish. He did not have sufficient expertise or training to do my sister's operation. If he had, my sister would be here

The inquiry concludes that "Mr Muldoon should have the surgical technique before undertaking it on his own." An inquest recorded a verdict of misadventure and the hospital authorities have paid Ms Richardson's family £3,500 in an out-of-court settlement.

Terry and Diane Parnell claimed that their daughter Mishka was brain-damaged in the womb in 1990 during a "blind" amniocentesis test, in which a syringe is inserted to extract fluid to test for Down's syndrome. Three attempts had to be made before a satisfactory sample was obtained. The child was born with scars on her tongue and the back of her head. She died

because of her condition. The report acknowledges that the procedure used was acceptable some years ago, but today was done with the benefit of ultrasound scanning to indicate how the baby was lying. It says: "The assessors expressed concerns about Mr Muldoon's knowledge of amniocentesis."

Mr Parnell said last night that he had obtained an independent medical report on his daughter's death which he hoped would form the basis of a claim against the hospital authorities.

In a fourth case, Mr Muldoon rejected a GPs opin-

subsequently suffered two stillbirths attributed to the condition. The report says: Many essential investigations were not carried out."

The inquiry team examined 18 cases over 20 years and found cause for concern in two-thirds of them. However, it concludes that they were "uncommon events". It considered that overall "the level care provided by Mr Muldoon was of a satisfactory standard". It makes 51 detailed recommendations which Grimsby Hospital has accepted. An advice line has been set up for concerned patients on 01472 875500.

Nairobi airport and to show Mr Ward's thriving hotel business going bankrupt because of the amount of time he was spending on the case. He was also to experience severe difficulties with his

suffered under the strain. One of the final straws was that Patrick Stewart, who starred in Star Trek: The Next Generation, was being touted to play Mr Ward. Anton Rodgers, the British character actor, was also named as an alternative to Stewart. "I saw the script and it was

unacceptable," said Mr Ward. who had a clause in his contract with the BBC that allowed him to cancel the project if it was not completed within a certain time. "It was supposed to be for television but the BBC got increasingly excited about the project until it was going to be released in cinemas worldwide, then shown on planes, then re-leased on video and shown on TV last of all. Its timescale got longer and longer and that meant that, fortunately, I was able to exercise my option and pull the plug." Miss Ward, 28, was found

murdered in 1988. Her charred remains were discovered in the remote Masai Mara game reserve. Initially the Kenyans insisted she had but were later forced to admit she had been murdered.

### Parents plan to sue Great Ormond Street over heart girl's death

By TIM JONES

Mishka Parnell, born with scars, and Michael

A SENIOR doctor at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children was criticised by a coroner yesterday for "unwise and erroneous" actions which led to the death of a six-yearold girl. After the inquest, the parents of Deborah Jenkins said they intended to sue the London hospital.

Ross and Carolyn Jenkins say that Deborah died because the doctor disregarded their wishes and did not obtain their consent for the procedures that were carried out. Stephen

parents' sense of outrage and indeed their feeling of betrayal," he said.

Mr and Mrs Jenkins had consented to Deborah being given a diagnostic catheter examination, a routine procedure that involved inserting a probe through the groin and into the heart. But the inquest was told that they had not given permission for a curative procedure that involved inserting a balloon via the catheter to the heart and inflating it to expand the narrowed coronary artery.

Deborah died in July last year when the balloon burst and efforts to Chan, the St Pancras Coroner, re- retrieve it with another catheter led to from Sprowston, near Norwich, had corded a verdict of misadventure. "It is not difficult to understand the damage. Mr Chan said: "No doubt and had undergone two open-heart said: "Dr Taylor did what he had no

the doctor's regret at the tragic consequences is of little comfort to the parents. His decision may have been unwise and erroneous, certainly for Deborah, as it contributed to her premature demise."

The coroner said that there was no evidence of gross negligence by Dr James Taylor, the consultant paediatric cardiologist. "I am satisfied he was acting conscientiously and carefully and was sincere in his belief that he was acting in the best interests of his patient.

The inquest was told that Deborah,

operations. It was only when she was on the operating table the day before she died that Dr Taylor and his team discovered that a conduit which had been inserted into her artery had been narrowed because of the pressure of the muscle.

Dr Taylor said in evidence that he realised the condition could be rectified by a balloon catheter. He tried without success to get hold of Mrs Jenkins to seek her approval. He decided to proceed with the balloon probe as the alternative would have been to subject Deborah to another

with him at all. He has got to go. We are going to take litigation against Great Ormond Street Hospital. I don't care what it costs." Mrs Jenkins said: "I only signed consent for a diagnostic inspection and now she is dead." A statement from the hospital said

authority to do. I am not impressed

that Dr Taylor attempted to obtain permission from Deborah's family but they were not available in the short time in which he had to make "Any child's death is deeply saddenrah's, whom we had looked after since she was very young."



Deborah Jenkins: born with heart defects

### Girl who survived murder | Jealous boy attack recalls the killer

By Lin Jenkins

JOSEPHINE RUSSELL, the nine-year-old girl left for dead after a frenzied attack that killed her mother and sister, now has a clear memory of the double murder and has given details to the police.

She was left with the speech level of a two-year-old after surgery on her battered skull but she can now recall the events of the afternoon of July 9. Doctors had thought that the shock of what happened, or the operation on her brain. might have left her memory blank.

However, she has been able to tell police about the afternoon her mother Lin, 45, and sister Megan, 6, were murdered as the three of them walked home across country from school in the next Kent village of Goodnestone.

She has told police about a man fitting the description of the one seen in the area by others that day. Detective Chief Inspector Dave Stevens said: "We have devised a method of communicating with Josephine. Over a period of weeks we have been going back over her life and personal details and we have now started filmed interviews about the events of July 9. "It is obvious that Josephine has a clear memory



Josephine with her father, Dr Shaun Russell, who says her memories are now causing her distress

about the attack and she has already provided us with information that backs up the description of a man seen near the murder scene and other details. This could be a turning point."

Detective Constables Pauline Smith and Ed Tingley have been with Josephine since the attack and have been coaxing information from her using models and games. Her father, Dr Shaun Russell, said: "When I first started to prepare her for these interviews she was upset and reluctant to do it. But now it has started she is very keen and is co-operating very well."

Dr Russell said that Josephine was beginning to show more anxiety as she recalled the events of July 9. "When she was in hospital and couldn't remember anything she was more or less constant ly happy. But as she has ered more and more her happiness has decreased and periods of anxiety and

worriedness have increased." Dr Russell said also that he plans to move house and perhaps go back to Wales where they used to live, or take up another post in Africa. "The more I see Josie afraid in the place we live, the more I want to move away."

Cantona: denies claim

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pounds.

### given life for murder

By Shirley English

A JEALOUS 14-year-old boy became one of Scotland's youngest convicted murderers yesterday when he was given a life sentence for killing a married man who allegedly flirted with his girlfriend.

The teenager showed no emotion as he was told by a judge at Edinburgh High Court that he would be "detained without limit of time". A jury found him guilty of the murder of Scott Fraser, 26, of Carronshore, near Falkirk. Co-accused Paul Halliday, 23. of Carron, Falkirk, was also

found guilty and jailed for life. The court was told that Halliday and the boy followed Mr Fraser home along a disused railway track near Carronshore. They attacked him once, then left, only to return with two girls to batter and stamp on him again. Mr Fraser had severe brain injuries after being punched, kicked and stamped on. The judge, Lord Abernethy, refused to allow the boy to be named as he was under 16 and

might appeal. Yesterday, Fraser, 34, the dead man's widow, who has a son Christopher, 3, said the claim that her husband had flirted with the 18-year-old girl was a "cock and bull story".

Turin yesterday for the side's

match against Juventus in the

European Cup Champions

League tonight, said: "This

case is in the Liverpool County

Court and in the nature of an



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### Cantona is sued over 'hotel brawl'

By John Goodbody, sports news correspondent

A BUSINESSMAN is to sue Eric Cantona for damages. alleging that the Manchester United captain assaulted him at a hotel in Chester.

A preliminary hearing of the civil action brought by Tom Doyle. 38. a salesman from Liverpool, will be heard in private by Judge David Gee after a fracas at the hotel where several United players were celebrating a win at the local races. The 30-year-old French international denies

the allegations. Weatherburn, a Ricky Northampton company director, said that in May 1994, when the alleged incident International hotel, the England and former Manchester United midfield player Paul Ince had suffered racist taunts from other customers.

Mr Weatherburn Somebody hit me and my mate threw a punch at someone else. Then all hell broke loose." It was claimed that tables and chairs were overturned in the turmoil that followed.

Mr Doyle alleges that he was assaulted as the players left the premises.

The footballers had been to the races at Chester as the guests of the jockey Walter Swinburn. They had backed

arbitration proceedings. The action is being defended but. with a case pending. I do not think it is appropriate to make any further comment." Neither Cantona nor Mr Doyle need be present at the

hearing at Liverpool County Court next Wednesday, which will be held in chambers. They can be represented by their solicitors and would give evidence in person only if the

judge decides there should be

a full hearing in open court.

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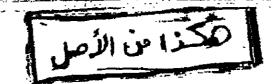
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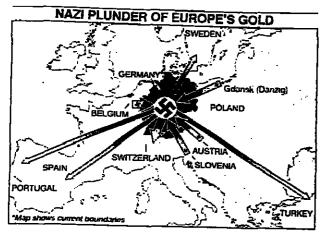
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Efforts to return stolen gold thwarted by greed, confusion and legal wrangles

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# 'Nazi thieves left a wound that will not heal



By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

the war.

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held in 1939.

tugal and Sweden, and to a

lesser extent Spain and Tur-

key - also received German

gold. The Allies tried to moni-

for the sums to provide evi-

dence of plundering. But the

Reichsbank sent out ingots

that had been resmelted and

backdated to a period before

Banking records confiscated

after the war show the elabo-

rate deception. Booty seized by

the Wehrmacht was sent dir-

ectly to the Reich's Treasury;

that seized by the SS was

handled exclusively through

the Reichsbank, where it was

received into a holding ac-

count in the name of

'Melmer" and its value trans-

ferred after assessment to an

account in the name of "Max

admitted under interrogation

in 1945 that all gold was

resmelted to conceal its ori-

gins; much was sent abroad.

Britain estimated that by

March 1943 Germany had

sold more gold than it had

Britain and America were

unsure how to put pressure on

the Swiss not to accept the

gold. Switzerland, entirely

surrounded by the Axis pow-

ers, could not be coerced. Any

land would also prevent the

Allies from obtaining the

Swiss francs they needed.

Instead Britain and America

issued in January 1943 a

declaration in which they re-

served their rights "to declare

invalid any transfers of, or

dealings with, property, rights

and interests ... which are, or have been, situtated in the

territories which have come

under the occupation or con-

trol, direct or indirect, of the

Governments with which they

The warning was political:

the Treasury had doubts. The

Bank of England thought it

would simply drive the Ger-

mans into more elaborate

deceptions to conceal their

looting of Europe. But the Government decided that the

neutrals must be bluntly told

that if they accepted gold from

Germany they would be liable

to "claims under the terms of

the Inter-Allied declaration".

The Bank of England also said

it would pay no interest or

dividends to anyone living in

Sweden or Switzerland until

those two countries declared

that their gold holdings were

The Treasury was reluctant.

but Mr Cobbold of the Bank of

England told the Swiss em-

bassy in London that he could

rely on his country having

the maximum amount of

The problem, as the Allies

later discovered, was that this

was a bluff. The Swiss.

realising the way the war was

going, belatedly said that they

would not accept any gold

from anyone in German-occu-

pied territory, and in Decem-

ber 1944 blocked all Hungar-

ian, Slovak and Croatian

accounts in Switzerland. But

the end of hostilities revealed

the allied weakness; they had

no legal way to compel the

states, the Swiss claimed that

such a demand violated their

With all the other neutral

Swiss to hand over the gold.

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"free from enemy taint".

outright embargo on Switzer

Dr Puhl, of the Reichsbank,

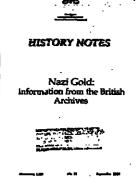
GOLD has proved to be the most intractable legacy of the Second World War. More than 50 years after Hitler's defeat, governments, refugees and Holocaust victims' families are still waiting for their share of the \$\$4 million held in British and American banks.

Efforts to trace the missing ingots and return them to their rightful owners have been frustrated by greed, confusion and legal wrangles. But the main problem has been the nature of the metal itself: the jewellery, coins, heirtooms and Jewish sacred objects plundered all over Europe from families imprisoned or exterminated were all sent to a central smithy, melted down and turned into ingots whose provenance can never now be

Yesterday the Foreign Office responded to the growing concern over the gold and suspicion that intelligence documents had been held back by releasing a summary of the Government's role in tracing the Nazi gold and the attempt to compensate the victims of Nazi looting.

A 23-page pamphlet, compiled on orders of Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, from government archives, makes public the long negotiations, diplomatic arguments and terse exchanges between the Allies. These have now all been made public most were published 40 years

go. As the pamphlet makes



Yesterday's report from the Foreign Office

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clear, two main difficulties, both during and after the war, have haunted all efforts to reach a just settlement: how to prevent the Germans sending their ill-gotten loot abroad — principally to Switzerland: and how to persuade the neutral countries that received tons of smelted gold from Germany to pay the money back after 1945.

Allied monitoring of Nazi gold deals began before the war. By September 1939, German holdings had swollen by some \$97 million worth of gold from Austria, Czechoslovakia and Danzig. The Reichsbank maintained that it had reserves in 1939 to be \$71 million, the same figure as in 1937; the Bank of England considered the true figure to be nearer \$111 million.

be nearer \$111 million. But the war proved costly for Germany. Reserves were so depleted that Germany had defautled on loans, exhausted its credit and almost all trade had to be on a barter basis. The war could be financed only by systematic plunder of state treasuries, especially \$223 million of Belgian gold, \$193 million from Holland and \$24 million from Hungary, and of personal assets. particularly those of the Jews. Britain estimated in 1945 that Germany had plundered \$550 milion - almost certainly an underestimate.

Germany used its gold to buy raw materials and vital foreign currency. The main route was via Switzerland, but other neutral countries — Por-

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Gold bullion in the Bank of England at the end of the war, when ingots were being shipped from Germany

neutral status. They agreed, after being urged on moral grounds, to begin talks. The Americans said they held \$200 million worth of Nazi gold. At first they denied all knowledge, but when talks became heated Mr A. Hirs, their chief negotiator, let slip that Swiss banks had \$500 million worth.

Finally in May 1946, they agreed to a one-off payment of 250 million Swiss francs in gold to the Federal Reserve Bank in New York. The Allies, angry but impotent, decided this was the best deal on offer and waived all further claims against the Swiss. The Swiss later made a further ex-gratia payment of 121.5 million Swiss francs. But they kept, in the end, about seven eighths of all the German gold deposited.

The New York sum formed the basis of the allied Tripartite Gold Commission. The hunt was also on for gold hidden in Germany. The occupation forces found a hoard of about £54 million worth in a salt mine in Merkers, but reckoned it was only a fifth of all German gold. The Americans found several other hoards in their zone, and an informant also revealed a cache amassed by von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, which was guarded by the

German Foreign Office.

All the gold was gathered together in Frankfurt then sent to London and New York for safekeeping pending distribution. The problem then was to decide how to give it back. Britain argued that all rightful

owners should get back their goods, but most of the gold had been melted down and was untraceable. Instead, the Americans suggested it should be distributed in proportion to the claims by those countries that had lost gold. This formula was accepted: payment would be compensation rather

than restitution.
Dozens of obstacles have held up payment. The main one is that the sums claimed far exceed the gold found; the Bank of England estimated in 1945 that just over half the amount was available. The other problem has been individual restitution, especially to the relatives of families killed in the war.

The other main difficulty has been calculating the value of what remains. The prices were all worked out in exchange rates of 1945 and 1947. Distribution has also been complicated by the issue of Albanian gold. This entirely extraneous question arose after Britain, which held gold in trust, refused to return it until the Albanians offered compensation for a British warship sunk in 1946.

That issue dragged on for more than 40 years; an agreement was reached only five years ago, and it was only last week that the Albanian parliament ratified the deal. For the first time since 1945, the way is now open to pay the Nazis' victims compensation for some of what they lost.

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IS officials inspecting 100 fons of Nazi gold captured in 1945, Which of it came from jewellery, coins and Jewish sacred objects plundered all over Europe

# Experts to scrutinise secret dealings

FROM PETER CAPELLA
IN GENEVA

SWITZERLAND was urged yesterday to publish a full record of its wartime financial dealings with the Nazi regime, after Britain said the Swiss may have turned over only part of the gold they acknowledged buying from the Germans.

Officials said the British and Swiss Foreign Ministers were likely to discuss the matter in Switzerland next week. Legislation is being prepared in Geneva to allow a commission of experts to take an unhindered look at Swiss financial dealings with the Nazis, regardless of banking secrety laws.

ing secrety laws.

The Swiss Foreign Ministry said the inquiry, which would have to be approved by parliament, would examine all the dealings of private and public financial institutions with Germany after 1933.

The Foreign Office did not

The Foreign Office did not confirm claims by Jewish groups that a secret deal was struck between the neutral Swiss and America, Britain, France and Russia. However, it said there was speculation over the amounts involved. There was some confusion over the exact figures because of fluctuatious in exchange rates, gold prices and inflation over 50 years.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has begun an internal inquiry into allegations that several of its delegates collaborated with the Nazis. The World Jewish Congress and the American Senate Banking Committee have given the organisation the names of about 30 suspected collaborators drawn from American archives.

The ICRC said that ten been identified as working for the International Red Cross and six others worked for national Red Cross societies in occupied Europe.



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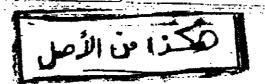
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### British Association: scientists' research casts fresh light on mysteries ancient and modern

# Musical relics cast ancient man as father of the blues

REPORTS BY NIGEL HAWKES AND NICK NUTTALL

blues, a study of ancient instruments has suggested. The musical ancestors of Charlie Parker played flutes made from the bones of large birds, such as vultures. The

flutes were simple instruments, examples of which have been found in caves dating from up to 24,000 years In some relies the position-ing of the drilled holes and the

worn patches of bone caused by fingering techniques are evidence that the players could "hend" notes as skilfully as a modern jazz performer, giving their music colour and emotion.

Flutes of this type were still being used in Roman and Anglo-Saxon times and large numbers of them, often made from the shin-bones of sheep, have been found in archaeological sites. Replicas moulded from plastic reveal a range of tunings, the British Association meeting in Birmingham was told yesterday.

Graeme Lawson, of the Music-Archaeological Survey in Cambridge, said that some the bone instruments showed signs of having been extensively used and cher-

EARLY man could play the ished. There was evidence of the use of musical intervals roughly corresponding to today's tones and semitones. But the instruments were different in having nuances of pitch to provide colour to the scales.

Did the originators deliberately create such "blue" tunings, he asked, or were they simply evidence of clumsy construction? The signs were that they were deliberate. The distances between the finger holes on

different instruments were rarely uniform and in somecases scratched markers sug-gested careful laying-out, based on calculation or the application of some rule of thumb. The undercutting of the finger-holes after drilling showed evidence of still finer adjustment. "Clearly, simple though these instruments seem, they are embodiments of very special musical requirements and complex cultural systems," he said.

The research programme now aims to study the oldest instruments, comparing them with the more recent Roman and Anglo-Saxon pipes. From traces of the surface taken by scanning electron microscopes, the researchers hope to

learn more about the fingering techniques used by pipers 24.000 years ago.

The familiar tuning of modern instruments was develuped to bring order to what was seen as musical chaos. But instruments from the Stone Age up to Roman and medieval times revealed a freer musical taste. The early musicians would have made their own instruments, tuning them by drilling holes in the correct places and making them bigger or smaller.

Dr Lawson, who demonstrated how to play a flute made from sheep bone, said: "It looks like it was a preference. Certainly in the Anglo-Saxon and Roman period when we looked at the instruments closely not only have the finger holes been drilled with the point of a knife, but they have been drilled in accordance with markers put on the surface of the bone beforehand. Some of the holes are undercut. They have clearly been trying to adjust them to hit a pattern they had in

Close examination of the hole rims showed areas that ing with the fingertips.



Graeme Lawson with prehistoric and medieval flutes made from animal bone

### Scan may read coma victims' thoughts

be possible to communicate with coma victims by reading

their minds.

Dr Stephen Roberts of Imperial College, London, told the British Association that in healthy people, tiny electrical signals in the brain can be detected by a grid of electrical contacts over the head. The signals appear if the volunteers move their fingers but also if they merely think of moving their fingers.

Dr Roberts hopes the same will be true of patients in a deep coma. Several who have returned to consciousness have reported that they could understand what people were saying but were unable to respond. In trials at the Royal Hospi-

ral for Disability in Putney, west London, next year, he will ask comprose patients to think of moving either their right or left index fingers. Brain signals will be analysed in a "neural net" computer.

Over some 100 tests, it should be possible to determine whether a patient can understand the instructions, and even to conduct a simple conversation in which yes and no are linked to moving the right or left index fingers.

Dr Roberts hopes that the with total paralysis to control

### Motorway travel

made easy

puterised conveyor belts. the chairman and chief executive of Jaguar said. Vehicles would lock into tracks planted in roads and cruise at constant speeds at set distances apart, Nick Scheele told

the festival.

With such stress-free driving, collision guid-ance systems using shortdistance radar would help to reduce accidents although drivers would have to stay alert should dashboard computers fail or the unforeseen happen.

### Early man no slouch'

Early man walked upright, according to Dr Robin Crompton of Liverpool University. He and colleagues used a computer simulation to prove that our ancestors never stooped with knuckles grazing the ground. This would have used too much energy and overheated the body, he said.

A computer model based on a fossil hominid found in Ethiopia simplated the skeleton walking in a slouch. It fell over repeatedly.

### Maths slide continues'

The introduction of the national curriculum has failed to halt the decline in mathematics or reading in primary schools, Professor Robert Campbell of Warwick University said. But he denied that there was a crisis in reading, as some have claimed.

He said the overall evidence suggested that teaching was "at least moderately effective in around 80 per cent of schools, with some serious problems of teaching in a

### Aliens, night flights and things that go bump are all in the mind sleep-paralysed person's fingers or forcing themselves on to their body.



paralysis was to blame

MORE THAN a million Britons believe that they have been abducted by aliens and taken on rides across space and time, and more than half the population has woken from sleep to sense a strange presence in the room, a British psychologist claimed vesterday.

Dr Sue Blackmore said these and scores of so-called paranormal experiences — including out-of-body sensations and the sighting of ghosts — can be explained as unusual electrical activity in key parts of the brain.

"My research shows that these are really common experiences. Those doctors who say that they are a symptom that someone is ill are

need reassurance, not drugs," said Dr Blackmore, who is based at the University of the West of England.

A survey carried out in Bristol of about 200 adults and 120 children found that many had had strange experiences at least once. Some 33 per cent of children claimed they had seen a ghost while only 12 per cent of adults said they had seen one. Out-of-body experiences, in which people believe they are flying over their body and floating across rooms, streets or fields, were cited by a third of those interviewed.

Waking up to feel a presence, normally described as an evil one, in the room has happened to 56 per cent of children and 68 per cent of up but is really still dreaming, is an experience reportedly shared by 57 per cent of children and 82 per cent of adults.

About 2 per cent of the population believe they have been abducted by aliens and Dr Blackmore said she believes they are suffering from a phenomenon known as sleep paralysis. When people dream, their bodies become temporarily paralysed, preventing them acting out their dreams and endangering themselves. Her research has found that about 45 per cent of people become paralysed before they fall asleep or when they wake up at least once in their lives. "Normally you know nothing about sleep paralysis. nowever, or

example if you are very fired, overworked, excited or worried," Dr Blackmore said.

The researcher has gathered more than 100 cases of the phenomenon which confirm her suspicions that "alien abductions" are linked with this kind of paralysis. "There are certain features that come up again and again. There are strange whining noises. One described loud screaming and high-pitched laughter and another said she had experienced a roaring noise in her head." Dr Blackmore told the British Association.

Many report feeling vibrations and "shakings and judderings" and others talk of figures at the foot of experiences. People who have them someone believes they have woken goes wrong with the mechanism, for tions like alien hands holding the

that electrical firings of different

Dr Blackmore, who is set to carry out laboratory tests, is convinced parts of the brain and a combination of sleep paralysis in many cases is the key to scores of supernatural experiences. "It is known that sense of presence can be created by stimulating the temporal lobes of the brain. Stimulating the temporal lobe with electrodes can give rise to out-of-body experiences and mystical experiences," she said.

Dr Blackmore said some people had more active or unstable temporal lobes than others. This had been linked with artistic talent.

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### Telepathy 'more widespread than is thought'

MOST people may have some psychic or telepathic ability, a leading researcher into the paranormal said at the festival yesterday. Experiments across the world had found evidence that appeared to show that people were aware of facts which they could not have found out

through normal perception. Dr Deborah Delanoy, of Edinburgh

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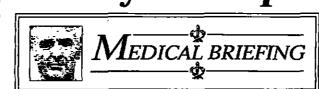
University's psychology department, admitted there were phenomena that scientists could not yet explain and should not dismiss out of hand. "We have a group of consistent findings across a quite large number of studies that are indicating that something that we currently do not understand is going

on. We cannot explain it. But that is not

of error not yet recognised. If so it could be affecting all our science.'

Dr Delanoy added that psychic ability might be spread widely but unevenly among the population. "It's like music. There would be Mozarts and there would be people with virtually no ability. Most of us would be somewhere in between."

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monopolised the bean bag and the generation who once sat and slept on the bags are now parents themselves. All parents should heed the warning in a report in the American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, and which is also being carried in Britain by the magazine General

American researchers have studied 35 cases of babies who died after being put to sleep on a bean bag. All were found face down on the bag at the time of death. Half the children were less than two months old and in most cases, after a post-mortem examination, the cause of death was given as Sudden Infant Death Syn-

Even without the additional evidence, it has been accepted since 1992 that bean bags are dangerous to children and they have been banned in America. It was found that many children choked to death on the polystyrene balls. No child should be allowed

to sleep on a bean bag in any

posture but the research has

underlined how important it is to place children on their backs when they go to sleep. The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths said its new studies had confirmed the reduction of deaths when babies were placed on their backs in their cots - not facedown or even on their sides.

Recent research has again demonstrated the increase in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome when mothers had smoked in pregnancy or when parents continued to smoke after the birth of their child.

The foundation says the temperature of a baby's room

is of importance, and recommends that it be kept at

between 18C and 21C. New research has led expens to suggest that when babies are put to bed they should have their cots made up so that their feet touch the foot of the cot. A bed made in this way prevents the children from snuggling under the

When babies' beds are made in such a way that their heads are against the top end. as is more usually the case. they can snuggle down but that can be dangerous.

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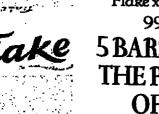








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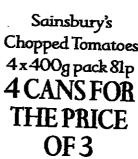


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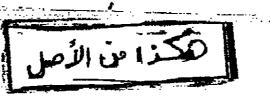
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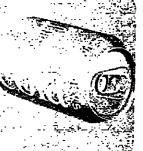
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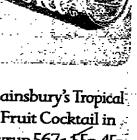
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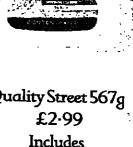
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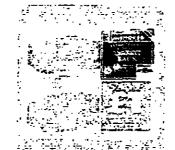
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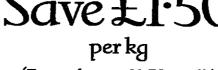
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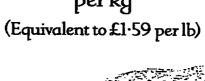


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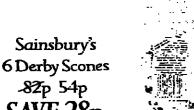
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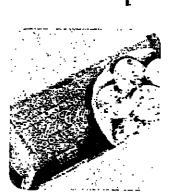


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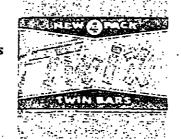
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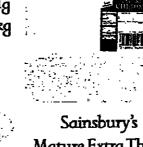


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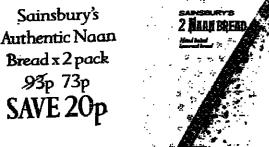
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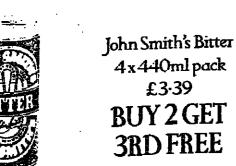


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# Loyalists threaten revenge for farmer's eviction

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland correspondent

LOYALIST terrorists have threatened to kill a group of Irish businessmen who bought a large farm in the Irish Republic from a Protestant family who had been evicted from the land.

Irish police have provided tight security for five members of the board of Donegal Creameries after they had been contacted by a terrorist from the Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) who said that the eviction in Co Donegal was sectarian. The UFF also threatened to kill security men and a Dublin accountant who had been involved in the eviction of Eric Graham and his family from their 3,000acre estate near Burnfoot last

The UFF leadership is understood to have dissociated itself from the threat, which was issued by the organisation's north Antrim and Londonderry brigade. There are now fears that the move by one of the UFF's most brutal



Keon: under police guard



Graham: evicted by bank

groups, which murdered seven people in a gun attack on a Co Londonderry bar in 1993, could mark a widening of the feud among loyalists.

The terrorists acted last week, a fortnight after the Grahams had been evicted by bailiffs wearing balaclavas and carrying sledgehammers. The family bought the farm for £3 million in 1989, but stopped making mortgage payments to the National Irish Bank in 1992 after a series of disagreements over a E2.3 million loan. The receivers were called in four months later and an eviction order granted by the High Court in Last week Donegal Cream-

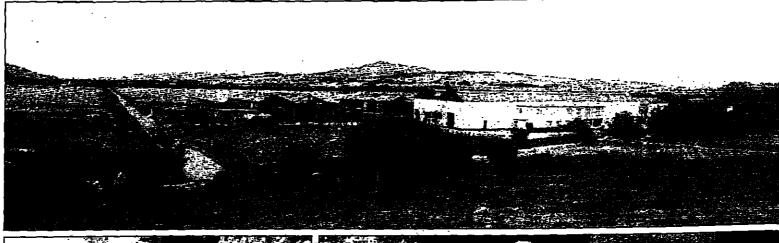
eries, which is a co-operative. bought the farm from the National Irish Bank for £3.7 million. The company said it moved quickly to ensure that the farm's 413,000-gallon milk quota would remain in Co Donegal. John Keon, manag-ing director of Donegal Creameries, who received the first death threat in an anonymous telephone call on Friday, said he was astonished by claims that the purchase of the farm was an attempt to "landgrab" from Protestants. Mr Keon is a Roman Catholic, but the four other board members who have received threats are

He said: "We have a multi-

denominational board and

until now we have never paid attention to whether anyone is a Protestant or a Catholic. My impression is that the UFF may have been given an inadequate version of events." Mr Graham, who ran the farm with his brother and father, dissociated his family from the threats and said he had no connection with loyalist paramilitaries. "I know there are people who felt that Donegal Creameries were land-grabbing from members of the minority community in Donegal when they bought the farm." he said. "But we have no control over what

extreme elements can do." The UFF said it issued the threat after coming under intense pressure to help Protestant farmers in Burnfoot. which is a few miles from the border. A spokesman said: "The feeling up here is very, very strong. Nobody has done anything for the Grahams or







As masked bailiffs move in on Eric Graham's farm, top, the Rev Rodney Sterritt carries one of his son-in-law's children from her home

the Protestant farmers. The perception is that an entire Protestant community is being persecuted."

Donegal is one of the three Ulster counties which was not included in Northern Ireland when the country was partitioned in the 1920s. The county has a sizeable Protestant population, most of whom have integrated well into the Republic. However, some feel

isolated and echo the thoughts of an Ulster landlord who said in 1920 that the Protestants of Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan were thrown to the wolves when Ireland was

partitioned.

The British and Irish Gov ernments will decide today whether to expel the fringe loyalist parties from multiparty talks in Northern Ireland after recent death threats against two militant loyalists by the Protestant paramilitary

The Democratic Unionists called for the Progressive Unionist Party and the Ulster Democratic Party, the political wings of the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defence Association, to be expelled after they refused to condemn the death threats. The DUP claimed that the loyalist parties had breached the Mitchell principles on non-violence, to which all participants at the Stormont talks had signed up, by not condemning the loyalist paramilitary death threat against Portadown loyalist

Billy Wright. In a joint paper presented to a full session of the talks yesterday, the PUP and the UDP said that they subscribed to the Mitchell principles.

ly opposed the use or threat of violence from whatever

source David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, said that the paper might resolve the issue if it covered the lovalists' response to the death threats. It is understood that the two governments were keen to work out a way of allowing the lovalists to remain at the talks.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

### Police left with bill for convict's dog

A police authority has had to pay a £2,600 kennel bill for a convict's dog. The dog went to an animal shelter near Gloucester in 1993 when the man was arrested and subse quently jailed. On his release last year he collected his dog and told the shelter to send the bill to his new home but never paid. He has since been rearrested and jailed, Glopcestershire Police Authority has been told it is liable its constabulary because made the initial contract

### Lady Tryon better

Lady Tryon. 48. a friend of the Prince of Wales, is recorering so well after breaking her back in a fall from a hospital window in May that she s now visiting the family home near Salisbury. Specia lists have ruled out the risk of permanent brain damage.

### Crash closes M25 A tanker disrupted traffic on

the M25 near Reigate when it hit roadworks near junction 7, overturning and spilling its load of liquid nitrogen. The motorway was closed in both directions for a time and morning commuters faced tailbacks of up to ten miles.

### Royal reprint

Postcard maker J. Arthur Dixon is dropping the letters HRH from its best-selling postcards of Diana, Princess of Wales. Officials at Balmoral ordered the removal of cards carrying the dropped title from the castle's souvenir shop last week.

### Priest charged

Father James Chaning Pearce, 56, who taught taught maths and physics at the Jesuit-run Stonyhurst College, near Blackburn, has been charged with indecently assaulting boys at the school. He will appear in court in November on four charges.

### Horse attacked

Lady, a 22-year-old shire horse that was a favourite with visitors to Elvaston Castle Country Park in Derby shire, died after its genitals were slashed with a knife. The horse was rescued from ill-treatment eight years ago.

### **Back condition**

A judge granted a back-pain sufferer bail at Southwark Crown Court on condition that he went to bed for a week so he could be tried sitting. rather than lying, Graham Peacock, 51, denies conspiring to produce cannabis.

### Kittiwake deaths

Hundreds of dead kittiwaks have been found along the Tyneside coastline. Scientist believe a bacterial infection could be responsible and that thousands more of the gulls. which come ashore only to nest, may have perished.

### Galling loss

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### Ticket prices tumble as new rail firms take a tough line

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

PRICE wars are breaking out on railways as new companies take over former British Rail routes and cheap fares are used to tempt travellers. The most cut-throat compe-

tition so far appears to be between Network South-Central, now owned by the French utility CGEA, and its rival Gatwick Express, now owned by the National Express coach group. One advertisement hits at higher prices and lack of night services on the Gatwick Express. In response, Gatwick Express plans a 24-hour service and is issuing a book of ten tickets offering special group travel

discounts. More tempting deals for passengers are expected. Nine of the proposed 25 rail franchises have been awarded and another four companies are expected to get the go-ahead this month. New companies have targeted specific routes because, unlike British Rail, they are not responsible for a national network.

Chiltern Railways is pro-moting a £20 day-return fare between London and Birmingham. The journey takes 40 minutes longer than that on InterCity West Coast, its rival line, and uses less familiar stations such as Marylebone

return and the £23 monthly return were on offer when Chiltern was part of BR, but there was little marketing budget available or corporate will to publicise specific deals. West Coast and East Coast

in London and Snow Hill in

Birmingham. The £20 day

InterCity have entered into direct competition with EasyJet, the cut-price air company which offers a £29 single fare between Scotland and Luton airport. The rail companies have responded by introducing a £29 Scotland-to-London return, knocking £5 off the cheapest return previously available.

### Courts 'too hard on children'

By Frances Gibb

CHILDREN who go to court as victims or witnesses are often treated so badly that prosecutions fail, according to

a report published yesterday. The children often have to wait hours or even days before giving evidence and receive little preparation for the court experience, says the report by Victim Support, the charity for victims of crime.

The report, based on the experiences of 1,000 children in 26 Crown Courts, found children are not always allowed to give evidence by closed-circuit TV. An II-yearold girl became incoherent when she found she had to give evidence in open court.

The case was dismissed,
A special Child Witness
Pack published with the backing of the Lord Chancellor's Department three years ago was used for only 25 per cent of children.

Helen Reeves, director of Victim Support, called for national guidelines on preparation, reducing waiting times to a minimum and allowing children to wait at home. The Princess Royal, patron of Victim Support, who was at

the launch of the report,

### £376,000 for teacher in car crash BY JOHN O'LEARY

A TEACHER who sustained

multiple injuries in a car crash while taking pupils on an A-level study visit has won record damages of £376,000.

John Calvert, a history teacher at Knottingley High School, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, was a passenger in a colleague's car that had been pressed into service for a study trip because the school minibus had failed a

safety check. He is wheelchair-bound as a result of the collision near York and has never returned to work. The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers took up his case when it emerged that the driver of the other car was

uninsured. The award is thought to be the biggest secured by a teachers' organisation.

The ill-fated visit took place in 1989 but it took until this year to reach a settlement. The car carrying three sixthform girls and another teacher was wrecked. The driver and pupils had minor injuries but it took two hours to free Mr Calvert from the car. Both feet and legs were broken. He later took early

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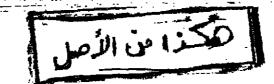
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Spanish trawlermen's lawyer told: 'You never know, a new government might pay up'

# Judge delays £80m fish quota case until after election

By Stephen Farrell

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A CLAIM by Spanish fishermen for £80 million compensation from the Government for stopping them fishing in British waters was delayed yesterday until after the general election.

Department of Transport lawyers asked the High Court for five months to produce hundreds of files from six departments, including the Ministry of Agriculture and the Scottish, Welsh and Cabinet offices. They also wanted time for ministers and civil servants to consider public interest immunity certificates and legal and professional privilege.

Lawyers for 94 Spanish boats claimed that the cost to taxpayers could total £200 million in damages and interest if the courts added exemplary damages for breaking

European law. The test case arises from the 1988 Merchant Shipping Act, which stopped Spanish-owned boats registered in Britain from working after British fishermen's claims of "quota-



Gonzalez confident of a Spanish victory

hopping". But in 1991 the European Court of Justice ruled that the Act was illegal and discriminatory.

At a preliminary hearing yesterday, Mr Justice Collins ruled that the case could not be heard until June, after the election. "If there is upheaval the relevant parties may have other things on their minds at the crucial times," he said. He also reminded David fishermen, that a new administration might decide not to fight the claim. "You may find you do not need to pursue any proceedings if there is a change of government -- you

never know." Stephen Swabey, the fishermen's solicitor, said after the hearing: "We are very disappointed that the Government cannot work faster to produce documents that have already been identified, but they convinced the judge, who has a lot of experience in this area."

Anton Gonzalez, 43, a Spanish fishing vessel manag-er from Burela in Galicia, who has been based in Milford Haven for six years, is confident that the owners will win. Señor Gonzalez estimates that he lost £2 million when his four boats were prevented from operating for 18 months between April 1989 and Nov-ember 1990.

"The European Court of Justice decided this matter and we abide by the law," he said. "If there is a law, that law applies to everybody. Our vessels were registered here in



The Spanish-owned trawler My Friend in Falmouth harbour yesterday. As a flag-of-convenience boat it has to tie up in a British port for eight hours eight times every year to qualify for a British fishing licence

1981 and we have the same rights as any British vessels."
Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, promised to fight the fishermen's claims and push for EU treaty changes to end the "crazy situation" that permits quota-hopping. But Gavin Strang, the Shad-

cused the Government of failing to represent Britain's trawlermen. The Government should now be working urgently in Europe to make allies of other members states who are keen to ensure that their national quota is protect-

ow Agriculture Minister, ac- ed from quota-hopping," he

Mike Townsend, Chief Executive of the Cornish Fish Producers' Organisation, said yesterday: "I am browned off and thoroughly fed up with the whole thing. All we want is the Government to come out of the Common Fisheries Policy."
Treve Hawken, a Newlyn

trawlerman, said: "The system stinks, so why shouldn't the Spanish milk a little bit more? They have been doing it for years. The EC is killing off the British fishing industry."

### NEWS IN BRIEF

### Gang sold £4.5m haul for £1,000

A gang stole aviation equipment worth £4.5 million and sold it for £1,000 as scrap, Portsmouth Crown Court was told yesterday. A quarter of the workforce of 360 at the aviation company raided in May was idle for a month while the company sought replacement equipment. Thomas Hodgkins. 20. paid £140 for his part in the break-in, was sent to a young offend-ers' institution for 15 months.

### £5m flood relief

A E5.4 million flood relief scheme for Chichester, West Sussex, was announced by the Environment Agency. A new flood channel from the River Lavant will be cut. In the winter of 1993-94 flooding caused £6 million of damage.

### Walkers found

Two teachers missing for two days while hill-walking were found on Merrick a 2,770ft mountain in Dumfries and Galloway. Marion Watson, 53, and Charles Milligan, 47, both from Ardrossan, Strathclyde, said they had been lost.

### Baby charge

Emma Gifford, 21, from Ashford, Kent, daughter of Michael Gifford, former chief executive of the Rank Organisation, has been charged with concealing the birth of a baby whose body was allegedly found in a freezer.

### Pilot arrested

A pilot whose plane crashlanded in a field in Romford, east London, has been arrested on suspicion of drug smuggling. Police said 1 kg of white powder was found on board the light aircraft, which had run out of fuel.

### Art brush-off

A chalk pavement drawing in Carlisle, commissioned by the council for an arts festi-val, was swept away by a street cleaner after passers-by complained of graffiti. Artist Timothy Appleby had spent two hours on the drawing.

### Tories jostle for seat on Tunbridge Wells bus to Westminster

By James Landale

THE Kent town of Tunbridge Wells will be the scene of a furious contest next week between Tory MPs, councillors and business leaders for the latest chance to land a seat in Parliament.

More than 180 people applied for the seat when Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary and sitting MP, announced two months ago that he would be standing down at the next election. Although Tunbridge Wells's majority of 17,132 has been weakened by boundary changes, the seat remains a relatively secure passage to Westminster. According to electoral analysis, the seats - Hartley Booth at Finchley

majority of about 13,000 if people

voted roughly as they did in 1992. The Tory association has whittled the applicants down to 21 who will be interviewed over the next week. A shortlist of three will be put before a meeting of all party members on September 19. After speeches and questions, a ballot will be held.

Those still in the running include Alan Clark, 68, the diarist and former minister who has long regretted standing down at the last election, and Dame Janet Fookes, a Deputy Speaker at the House of Commons. Two other so-called "retread" MPs who have been deselected from their and Michael Stephen at Shoreham have failed to make the shortlist.

Others with a better chance include David Campbell-Bannerman, special adviser to Sir Patrick. Not only does Mr Campbell-Bannerman, 36, have a strong political pedigree - his great-great-uncle was Prime Minister from 1905 to 1908 - but he also grew up in the area. Another key contender is Alex King, chairman of the Tunbridge Wells Conservative

Also trying for the seat are Archie Norman, the chief executive and future chairman of the Asda supermarket chain, Paul Twyman, a director of the Nationwide Building Society, and David Skidmore, a

an OBE for helping people out of the Grand Hotel in Brighton when it was bombed by the IRA at the Tory party conference in 1984.

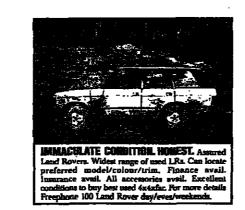
Tunbridge Wells has attracted many Tory MPs whose seats have disappeared or become marginal after boundary changes. Dame Janet's Plymouth Drake seat, renamed Plymouth Sutton, now includes Labour-supporting town wards. Michael Stephen's Shoreham constituency was split in three by the Boundary Commission and he failed to be selected for any of them.

Tunbridge Wells Tories must decide whether they want a young, dynamic candidate who will be able

to spend more time in the constituency than Sir Patrick, or a more mature candidate who will not indulge in too much anti-European, right-wing rhetoric. After Tunbridge Wells has selected, there will be few other chances for a seat. John Carlisle announced this week that he would stand down from Luton North at the election, but the seat is far from safe. ☐ The Tories need a candidate for Tottenham after prospective contender Henrietta Royle was headhunted by an investment agency. She has been appointed chief executive of CeeNet, the Corporation of London's emerging investment agency. The Labour MP Bernie Grant holds the seat with an 11.968 majority.



Dame Janet: still in the running for seat





### Spy-watchers in Australia scrap over story of historian's Order of Lenin

FIVE years after his death, Australia's most eminent historian is being demonised as a traitor, after allega-tions by a Brisbane newspaper. The Courier-Mail, that he wore the Order of Lenin.

Professor Manning Clark, who wrote A History of Australia and was named Australian of the Year in 1981, may have used his position to spread communist propaganda. The newspaper devoted eight broadsheet pages to his socialist credentials. citing Australian Security Intelligence Organisation files supporting the view that Clark was "communistically inclined.

Not everyone is convinced. His son. Andrew. who edits The Sun-

Herald in Sydney, told readers: "These claims are fabrications. They

are based on malicious tittle-tattle. Central to the controversy is Les Murray, a poet who allegedly saw Clark wearing the Soviet Union's highest honour at a dinner party. The story reached Peter Kelly, a retired journalist, who recalled a previous conversation in the Seventies with Geoffrey Fairbairn, a Canberra academic who had been upset by seeing Clark at the Soviet Embassy, apparently wearing the same medal.

Kelly, former press secretary to the Liberal politician William McMa-hon in the Sixties, held his silence for a quarter of a century out of consideration, he says, for Clark's Stuart Mcintyre, delivered the inaugural Manning Clark Memorial Lecture. "Who are The True Believers?" in 1994, Kelly decided that Clark had been canonised by the Australian Labor Party and blew the

Clark's followers were outraged and articles for and against him appeared in the press, questioning e authenticity of the insignia. A KGB double agent also stepped into

John Howard, the Prime Minister, said he disagreed with Clark's "black armband" approach to the past Opposition leader Kim Beazley dismissed the claims as "oddball". David Marrm of The Sydney Morning Herald attacked The Cou-

When a Melbourne academic. rier-Mail's exposé as "evil guesswork" and "one of the greatest axe jobs in the history of Australia journalism". Bill Hayden, the former Governor-General, saw it as a piece of "outrageous self-indulgence"

For Professor Claudio Veliz, emeritus professor of sociology at Mel-bourne's La Trobe University, whose criticism of Clark's approach to history caused a stir in 1982, the allegations supported what he had been saying all along.

What is really amiss about Clark.

I suspect, is that deep within he did not like Australia and thought Australians a melancholy, brawling lot, but could not bring himself to say so." Meanwhile, the contentious medal is nowhere to be found.

Clark's widow, Dymphna, recalls her husband receiving a Soviet decoration when he visited Moscow in 1970 to deliver a lecture on Captain Cook. She does not think it was the Order of Lenin "or there would have been some hoo-ha". Another poet, Geoffrey Dutton, remembers Clark's Soviet medal as a commemorative gift that looked nothing like the Order of Lenin and was worn by the historian only as a

Mr Murray, the only living witness to the wearing of the "gong". told The Courier-Mail: "Manning Clark himself drew attention to the medal by telling me that it was the Order of Lenin he was wearing. He said it was not what the students wear, 'it is the real thing'."



Clark, who died five years ago, has been called a traitor

### Shop ban on album over gun sale lyric

FROM GILES WHITTELL

SHERYL CROW, the husky singer who rose to stardom with a song called All I Wanna Do, has so offended America's largest supermarket chain that it is refusing to seli her latest album.

The quarrel is over one of Ms Crow's lyrics, which says that Wal-Mart. which has 2.265 branches, sells guns to children. As she sings in Love Is a Good Thing: "Watch out sister, watch out brother. watch our children as they kill each other, with a gun they bought at the Wal-Mart dis-

Wal-Mart says it is boycotting the album for ethical reasons rather than self-interest. "Selling a record implying behaviour that is against all we stand for is something we just could not profit from," a spokesman said.

The chain continues to profit from gun sales, however. It stopped selling guns over the counter in 1994, but sells them through mail-order catalogues, which gun-control advocates say is a relatively easy way for youngsters to obtain deadly weapons.

Analysis say Wal-Mart might have sold up to 400,000 copies of the album, but Ms Crow and her label, A&M Records, have not indicated that they will change the offending lyric, which has won them free front-page publicity.

### Investigators study sworn statement as Whitewater partner goes to jail

# Disgraced Clinton aide denies slur against First Lady

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

DICK MORRIS, President Clinton's disgraced political strategist, has sent congressional investigators a sworn statement denying that he told a prostitute that Hillary Clinton was responsible for improperly requisitioning hundreds of confidential FBI files on Republican officials.

Mr Morris, who resigned after a newspaper disclosed his affair with the prostitute last month, said that an entry in her diary that quoted him as blaming a "paranoid" Mrs Clinton for requisitioning the files was inaccurate.

He said that he had told the prostitute, Sherry Rowlands, only that "everyone thinks it's Hillary". He said that comment was based on a private White House poll. "I have no personal knowledge or information from any source whatsoever as to who was responsible for ordering the FBI files." he added.

The statement to the House committee investigating the files scandal was the first time Mr Morris had admitted either his relationship with Ms Rowlands or discussing White House matters with her during their "pillow talk".

William Clinger, the committee's Republican chairman, had given Mr Morris until Monday night to confirm or deny the remarks attributed to him by Ms Rowlands. His statement was delivered a few hours before that deadline, but it was unclear whether it would satisfy the committee. Mr Clinger said he would wait to see whether Mr Morris could provide records to sup-

port his claim before deciding whether to demand that he. and possibly Ms Rowlands, should give evidence in person before the committee. Mr Clinger called Mr Mor-

ris's statement "just another in a long line of denials of involvement by the President or First Lady" that "does not get us any closer to finding out the truth" about who ordered the files or why. The White House said that there was no genuine evidence to suggest that Mrs Clinton was involved and portrayed Mr Clinger's investigation as an "opposition research operation" for Bob

Dole's presidential campaign. Noting that Ms Rowlands's diary extracts appeared in secretary, said: "I did not know you sought the truth in supermarket tabloids."

În a separate development, Susan McDougal, the Clintons' former Whitewater business partner, spent her first full day in an Arkansas jail yesterday for refusing to give evidence against the President before a federal grand jury.

Ms McDougal had surrendered herself to US marshals on Monday morning and spent more than seven hours in a Little Rock courthouse cell before being moved to Faulkner county jail.

Ms McDougal was sen-

tenced last month to two years in prison for accepting an illegal loan. She refused to tell the grand jury whether Mr Clinton had helped her to obtain that loan, claiming that Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, was out to destroy the President. Her original prison sentence was due to begin on September 30, but she is now behind bars for contempt of court.

Perot's choice: Ross Perot, the Reform Party's presidential candidate, was expected to Star magazine. Mike McCur- announce his running-mate ry, the White House press on CBS television last night.



Susan McDougal leaves Little Rock courthouse in chains on her way to prison

### **US** coast braced for another hurricane

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE great storm bowl of the Caribbean has produced another killer wind with Hurricane Hortense, which yesterday gathered force over the region's warm waters and appeared to be heading for the

American mainland. Hortense, the fourth hurricane this summer. left four people dead in Puerto Rico and yesterday hit the island of Hispaniola, which is shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Ferocious rain-storms gave way to flash floods in the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and on Hispaniola's north coast. Storm surges, mudslides and tornados ac-

companied the main storm. The Turks and Caicos islands were placed on hurricane alert and in the American Virgin Islands the sale of rum was banned during the bad weather to prevent looting.

Forecasters predicted that the hurricane will gather force tonight and may arrive off Florida on Friday. There it is expected to make a sharp right turn towards Georgia and the Carolinas. The coastal towns in those states were devastated last week by Hurricane Fran. Earlier in the season Hurricanes Bertha and Edouard left

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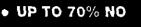
An early estimate by the Insurance Information Institute put the damage caused by Fran as high as \$1 billion (£645 million). Federal relief the region and floods left lowlying regions, including Washington DC, resembling swamps. Jim Hunt, Governor of North Carolina, said that Fran had been "the worst disaster we have had this

century". ☐ Peking: Typhoon Sally killed at least 114 people and left 110 missing, many of them fishermen caught at sea, when it slammed into southern China this week, officials said yesterday. (Reuter)

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### Remains of Perón to be exhumed

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI, SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN who has been fighting a lengthy legal battle to prove that she is the illegitimate daughter of Juan Perón, the late Argentine President, won the right yesterday to have his body exhumed from a Buenos Aires cemetery so that DNA tests can be carried out.

Marta Holgado, 62, who bears a striking resemblance to Perón, hopes that the tests will prove that she is the rightful heir to fortunes he is believed to have hidden in secret Swiss bank accounts.

Señora Holgado, who lives in Madrid and is the author of a book called Perón, My Father, arrived in Buenos Aires late on Monday night and yesterday received unprecedented permission from a court to exhume the Presi-

Señora Holgado started her legal battle to prove that her mother. Cecilia Demarchi. had been Peron's mistress when he was married to his first wife, and that she was conceived during that time. She claims to have met Perón and have pictures of berself with him as a child.

dent's remains. He died on

July I, 1974, at the age of 78.

"My mother married a man called Eugenio Holgado in 1928 and they had a dughter who died in 1933. Soon after they separated, and it was at that time that my mother met the young Juan Domingo Peron, said Señora Holgado.

Her claim has come as a surprise to most Argentinians who had always believed Perón was impotent. Some have branded Señora Holdago a gravedigger, saying she is just after the millions that Perón stashed away during the last years of his distastrous rule. Perón was first elected Pres-

ident in 1945 with the backing of the military. He was deposed in 1955 and remained in exile until 1973 before he returned to Argentina for another year in office. He had professed a mixture

of populism and fascism, and founded a political movement which seemed to offer more to satisfy aspirations of the working classes than the traditional political elites. But his promise was lost amid authoritarianism, corruption and contempt for democratic freedoms. However, he also attracted a cult following which is still strong today.

Peron's body has been at the centre of controversy before prior to his burial someone cut off and stole both his hands, presumably for the fingerprints required to ac-

cess secret bank accounts. It seems unlikely that the court would have agreed to exhume the body without having substantial reason. Peron's third and last surviving wife, Maria Estela Martinez de Perón, a former dancer. who also lives in Madrid, has put up the most vociferous opposition to the exhumation. husband was impotent.

### Does Your Memory Fail You?

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# Investigators raid police as scandals widen in Belgium

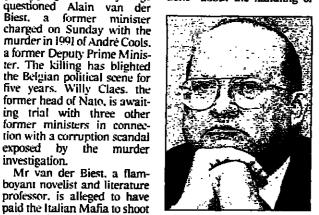
FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

ty and political boss of Liège, in July 1991. Mr van der Biest insists he has been framed. Coming amid the uproar over the Dutroux case, the sudden arrest of Mr van der Biest and four others over the

Cools affair has compounded a crisis of confidence in Belgium's legal and political system. "Every revelation is feeding the revulsion," La Libre Belgique said. "Belgians are asking what is rotten in the halls of justice."

King Albert II of the Belgians vesterday called for deep reforms to ensure a more effective and humane system of justice. In a move that took him beyond the bounds of his constitutional role, the King said that those involved in criminal investigations "must be encouraged to pursue their efforts to the end".

The remark was aimed at the judicial bungling and alleged obstruction in the Dutroux and Cools inquiries. The King handed Stefaan de Clercq, the Justice Minister, a "list of observations and questions" about the handling of



Dehaene: promised full

the Dutroux case. With polls showing that 90 per cent of Belgians distrust the legal system, Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister, promised on Monday to ensure full disclosure of the authorities' failure to take action earlier in both the Cools and Dutroux cases. "We have to investigate the investigation." Mr De-

haene said. Prosecutors have so far cited no direct link between the Cools and Dutroux cases. However, a connection is being widely made by the media, as disclosures pour out on alleged cosy relations among politicians, police and criminals, including the Mafia. in the big cities of French-speaking southeast Belgium.

Adding to the sense of connection is the involvement of several judicial and police figures in both cases. Jean-Marc Connerotte, the investigating magistrate in charge of the Dutroux case, was at the centre of a storm two years ago when he was removed from the Cools investigation. Mr Connerotte, who is based in Neufchâtel, wrote to King Albert at the time saying he knew who the murderers were. He had earlier produced evidence that linked Mr van

der Biest to the killings. As a sub-plot in the two affairs, there have been allegations that investigating judges, who usually enjoy a link with one or other of the main Belgian political blocs, failed to pursue their cases with zeal or were removed when they did so. The police superintendent in charge of co-ordinating the Cools investigation since 1992 resigned from the post on Sunday after allegations he had mishandled the case.



Helmut Kohl looks into his briefcase as budget details were announced yesterday. His Government is seeking sizeable spending cuts

### Bonn faces four-day battle over austerity budget

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

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TO CATCALLS and gibes from the opposition, the German Government unveiled an austerity budget for 1997 which cuts federal spending in an all-out effort to qualify for

European monetary union. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, must shepherd the budget through a four-day debate this week and secure a

Although the Government is likely to survive that vote, the budget is giving ample ammunition to the opposition Social Democrats. The chance that Germany may miss the Maastricht criteria for monetary union and the sacrifices demanded by the Chancellor

spell trouble in Bonn. "You claim that the budget will meet the Maastricht criteria," thundered the opposition spokeswoman Ingrid Matthaus-Maier. "Wrong. The sit-uation of the state finances is now truly dramatic."

The 1997 performance of the German economy will determine whether it is fit for European monetary union. Should it fall short, the whole project would be endangered. Herr Waigel and other government speakers pledged an "uncompromising adherence" to the Maastricht criteria. which include the need to keep the deficit to 3 per cent of gross

el revised upwards the German growth estimate for 1996 from 0.75 per cent to 1 per cent and argued that the budget and austerity package would reduce Germany's deficit to 2.5 per cent of GDP in 1997. According to figures he set out, the 1997 deficit should not exceed DM56.5 billion (£24.4 billion). But even the Govern-

ment concedes that it could

An idea that old age pen-

Former generals jailed over

reach nearly DM70 billion.

domestic product. Herr Waig-

The threat to pensions, more than any spending cut, has played into the hands of the Social Democrats, who for the first time sense that they may be able to win an election against Helmut Kohl on the basis of his Government's bad housekeeping. Trade unions have promised protests

floated as government plan-

ners search desperately for

ways of boosting tax revenue.

### Cardinal attacks 'Padania' scheme

Cools, a senior figure in the

French-speaking Socialist Par-

BELGIAN investigators ves-

terday carried out raids in

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Marc Dutroux, the confessed

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The raids round the south-

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were part of an attempt by

Michel Bourlet, the prosecu-

tor, to unravel a stolen vehicle trade said to have involved

Dutroux and to have been

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Georges Zicot, is alleged to

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Dutroux, 39, is held respon-

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FROM RICHARD OWEN

THREE days before Italy's separatist Northern League begins its much publicised push for independence with a march, a senior Roman Catholic leader added the voice of the Church yesterday to the growing chorus of opposition

to plans to declare "Padania" a separate state Cardinal Carlo Maria Mar-tini, Archbishop of Milan. which the League considers one of its strongholds, accused the League of "adventurism

and demagoguery Cardinal Martini did not name the Northern League or Umberto Bossi, its often crude and unpredictable leader. But his remarks in Milan cathedral were universally interpreted as being directed at the League in general and Signor Bossi in particular.

The cardinal said that those who sought secession from the state defuded their followers by holding out the false promise of "magic formulas" and "simplistic drastic solutions". Responsible politicans, he said, resisted all forms of demagoguery and populism", which could have grave consequences. "No cultural or institutional model which sanctions social or territorial exclusivity is morally accept-

able," he said. La Repubblica said Cardithose defending the Risorgimento and Italian unity. In a response which will have offended many. Signor Bossi made a mock sign of blessing on television, saving: Peace and blessings, Cardinal". An opinion poll in La Repubblica indicated that 63 per cent of Italians think Signor Bossi is a

### Chernomyrdin takes charge as Yeltsin awaits operation

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

Chernomyrain, his Prime Minister, new powers to run the Russian security ministries yesterday while he is on holiday before having a heart operation. But Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the presidential press secretary, said control of the "nuclear button" would remain with Mr Yeltsin.

All important decisions concerning the armed forces. Interior Ministry and intelligence services, normally a presidential preserve, will have to be "co-ordinated" with Mr Chernomyrdin for the duration of Mr Yeltsin's holiday, the press secretary said.

Yesterday's formula appeared to be a compromise designed to forestall a potentially dangerous power strug-gle while Mr Yeltsin is undergoing surgery. It effectively puts Mr Chernomyrdin in charge of running the country. If Mr Yeltsin remains ill and has to give up the

PRESIDENT YELTSIN gave presidency, Mr Cherno- month. The political complexmyrdin will, according to the constitution, become acting President and have a head start in the race for the succession. The new instructions also

strengthen the hand of Anatoli Chubais, the presidential Chief of Staff and a political ally of Mr Chernomyrdin, who is effectively running the Kremlin at present. But it will not please Aleksandr Lebed. the ambitious national security adviser, whose policy domains, security matters and Chechenia, will now be encroached on by his rival, the Prime Minister.

A lot will depend on how quickly Mr Yeltsin recovers from his operation. If his recovery takes a long time, the fragile equilibrium between the different rivals could be destroyed.

The President, who is resting outside Moscow, is due to have a heart by-pass operation, probably within the next

vertical bias in the Russian hierarchy. There is no Vice-President, while the constitution is vague about the ground rules for how and when power should be delegated to the Prime Minister if the President is unable to carry on.

Mr Yeltsin, in an interview with the magazine Itogi. sought to dispel the image of a remote, sick leader which has gathered around him since he was re-elected on July 3. He said he had decided to go public about his heart problems in order to reassure the Russian people that he was still in control.

"The times when the supreme 'boss' would appear once a year somewhere on the dais of the mausoleum and a faceless and nameless crowd of bureaucrats ruled the country have receded into the past with the communist regime, and I am convinced that they will never return," he said.

### **Swimming** fraud won six medals

Budapest: Half of Hungary's swimming team, which won Atlanta on the basis of fictitious qualification times from an event never held. Government officials yes terday confirmed newspaper

reports of the fraud and blamed the Hungarian Swimming Federation for submitting the false records. Eleven of the 22-member Hungarian team had not attained Olympic qualification times at national and regional meets. So a phan-tom meet was held and imaginary times were entered, said Rezsoe Gallov, who heads the Government's National Gymnastics and Sports office.

Two swimmers were even disqualified for the sake of authenticity. MTI, the state news agency, said yesterday that Tamas Gyarfas, head of the federation, had resigned. Mr Gallov said those in-

volved had to be called to account but no medals were in jeopardy. (AP)

### shoot-to-kill orders at Wall SIX former East German gen- lery, packed with Communist quash Kessler's earlier sen-

erals were iailed vesterday for ordering border guards to shoot refugees trying to escape

to the West Their trial was regarded as the most complex of the hearings that have been held in Germany since the collapse of the Berlin Wall. The longest sentence, six-and-a-half years. was imposed on Klaus Dieter Baumgarten.

Dozens of ordinary border guards have been found guilty of murder since they pulled the trigger during escape attempts. Heinz Kessler, a former Defence Minister, and other members of the East German Defence Council were given custodial sentences because it could be shown that they had helped to frame the shoot-to-kill policy. But the six generals sentenced yesterday were implementing orders

from above. Judge Friedrich-Karl Föhrig drew hisses and shouts of supporters of the defendants. when he handed down the

sentences of between three and six-and-a-half years. Baumgarten was found guilty of manslaughter in 11 cases and attempted manslaughter in five other border incidents. The other generals were found guilty of being accomplices.

Baumgarten and the other defendants did not create or establish the East German border regime," the judge said in his summing up, "but they supported the system in which they were very small cogs." The prosecution said Baumgarten, 65, and his generals played a key part in securing and reinforcing East Germany's border with minefields and automatic shooting devices. More than 800 people died trying to flee from the East

The generals do not have to go to prison until their appeal is heard. All are hoping that the constitutional court will

tence and thus tovalidate their own. "This is a political verdict," Baurngarten said as he was led out of the courtroom.

The defence team argued that East Germany was merely exercising its right in international law to protect its sovereign borders. The judge, however, decided that the shooting of unarmed defectors violated human rights.

New documents discovered by investigators into the files of the East German Stasi secret police have given further muscle to state prosecutors. The papers show an exchange between top security chiefs in which it was recommended that nobody should be shot on the East-West border during the time of the World Youth Festival in 1973 in East Berlin, as it would have been bad publicity. That suggests there were clear shooting instructions and that all officers on border duty were involved.

### Army's peace Pioneers raise the roof

**DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT** 

THE home of the honorary British consul in Dubrovnik has been an empty shell since it was damaged during an artillery attack five years ago in the early stages of the war in the

former Yugoslavia. Now, however, the two-storey farmhouse belonging to Sara Marojica, which overlooks the historic walled city on the Dalmatian coast, has been rebuilt by six British soldiers serving vith Nato's Implementation Force (Ifor) in the Croatian port of Split. Mrs Marojica, born in Liverpool but

married to a Croat, has been able to return to her home for the first time since the war. The farmhouse has been in her husband's family for 500 years. The six soldiers were from 522 Squadron 23 Pioneer Regiment, part of

the Royal Logistic Corps. They learnt of her plight and offered to help. They succeeded in rebuilding the house to its prewar state in five weeks.

The honorary consul and her husband were forced to leave the house in the mountains above Dubrovnik after a shell fired from a ship in the Adriatic crashed through their sitting-room window and blew out the roof. The couple escaped unhurt and spent the next five weeks at an hotel in Dubrovnik amid heavy shelling. Many of the shells damaged buildings inside the city walls, some of which date back to the 14th century.

The attack on Dubrovnik, a United Nations heritage site, began in September 1990 and was carried out by Yugoslav forces from the Adriatic and the surrounding mountains. Later Mrs Marojica moved to the British consulate in Zagreb to continue her duties as honorary consul. She and her husband tried to return to the house in 1993 but were shot at by snipers.

Mrs Marojica said: "Then out of the blue I received a telephone call from the British Army in Split. They had heard I had problems and asked if they could see for themselves."

Under the command of Second Lieutenant Brian Howard, the Pioneers drew up a work plan and five eeks later the job was done.

Mrs Marojica, who was awarded the MBE last year for her work in the former Yugoslavia, said: "The place looks wonderful. The Pioneers are a credit to the British Army. I will be

sorry to see them go.' The soldiers from 23 Pioneer Regiment, normally based at Bicester in Oxfordshire, left her a Pioneer plaque to put on her walls once the house is

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# **US** warns of new strikes at repaired Iraqi sites

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Pentagon said last night that President Saddam Hussein had ignored American warnings and was rebuilding air defence missile sites hit by American cruise missile attacks on southern Iraq. This intelligence was di-

vulged as the fall of Sulaimaniya on Monday left the Clinton Administration scrambling to refute criticism of last week's actions. The Republicans said that American credibility had been undermined and that Saddam had been left in control of northern Iraq for the first time since the Gulf War.

A Pentagon official said up to four surface-to-air missile sites had been supplied with new radars since the attack in defiance of a warning by General John Shalikashvili, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that such moves could prompt renewed strikes. In two attacks last week. 44 missiles hit 15 Iraqi air defence systems.

The violation will occur if they illuminate any allied aircraft, American, British or

official said. "That would precipitate a strike from us. The disclosures appeared to be an attempt to deflect atten-

tion from President Clinton's domestic difficulties over the decision to attack Iraq in the first place.
Bob Dole, the Republican

presidential candidate, has seized on the latest evidence that Saddam helped Kurdistan Democratic Party forces to overrun Sulaimaniya, the final stronghold of their rivals. the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. He said the reports of continued strife and killings in northern Iraq, including the execution of Iraqi dissidents backed by Washington and the apparent entrenchment of Iraqi troops around Arbil, raised serious questions about whether Mr Clinton's strategy had advanced American interests in the region.

In Iraq, as in Bosnia, the Clinton Administration should be careful about making claims of success that events on the ground may not substantiate, and about giving



Guerrillas of the Kurdistan Democratic Party shout slogans as they drive through Sulaimaniya yesterday after expelling their rivals

assurances that it is unable or unwilling to fulfil, because the credibility of the United States is at stake." Mr Dole said. Although America this week mounted an emergency effort to relocate hundreds of Kurds involved in the humanitarian relief programme in northern Mr Clinton has

launched no operation to res-

cue stranded Iraqi dissidents

backed by the CIA. It was

than 100 CIA-backed opponents of Saddam had been executed months before the American raid. Last winter the CIA targeted the group, the Iraqi National

reported yesterday that more

Accord, as the organisation with the greatest potential to topple Saddam. but it was infiltrated by Iraqi security in June and those in Iraq associwere "wrapped up", according to the Americans.

Another organisation, the Iraqi National Congress, has been almost defunct since the capture of Arbil. Some members have been executed. Despite the CIA's connections with the group, the White House made clear yesterday that it had no intention of helping to evacuate about 200 tile territory at the mountain fortress of Salahuddin.

The intelligence community in Washington, attempting to wash its hands of the situation, said a team of CIA officers secretly stationed in Salahuddin had provided ample advance warning to members of the Iraqi National Congress about the KDP attack. It appears that the agen-cy had become disenchanted

with the organisation's inability to undermine Saddam.

Clearly concerned by growing criticism of its military efforts, the White House maintained that America's main concerns were protecting the Kurdish population and ensuring that Iraq does not violate the no-fly zone.

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FIVE CLASSIC

A group of Kurdish women flee the fighting with their belongings on a tractor trailer

AN EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION

### Iran begs for help with refugees

By Michael Theodoulou IN NICOSIA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THOUSANDS of Kurds fled towards Iran yesterday as Iraq gloated that the victory of its Kurdish militia allies in the city of Sulaimaniya had restored Baghdad's power over the north and humiliated the

Tehran implored the world help it to cope with the exodus, saying that nearly 200,000 refugees were threatening to swamp its border. The United Nations said it expected 75,000 refugees to converge on the inhospitable

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mountainous frontier. Iran has allowed about 100 sick and injured to enter the country but said it would refuse admission to more unless their lives were endangered by illness or hostile

Underlining Saddam's renewed influence in the region, his Government declared an amnesty for Kurds who had lived under Western protection since Baghdad lost control of northern Iraq in 1991. The amnesty has failed to convince most

Sulaimaniya's population not to flee, however. Saddam also announced the lifting of a

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IN WASHINGTON AND

CHRISTOPHER WALKER

tinians than with Syria.

five-year-old trade embargo on northern Iraq.

"Obviously, he feels he's taming the north with the help of the KDP and is keen to show himself as a magnanimous leader." said a European envoy in Jordan. "But the Kurds know from their bitter history that it is a matter of time before he stabs them in the back again."

Predictably, the state-run Iraqi press gloated over Sulaimaniya's capture, which they presented as the worst

way out," scoffed the daily al-Jumhouriya, adding that Sulaimaniya's fall had shattered the dreams of the "hashish chewers in the White House". Mr Clinton's policy on Iraq had brought Washington nothing but "humiliation,

shame and disgrace", it said. As Kurds fled towards the Iranian border a headmaster said: "We're afraid. We don't trust the Government of Saddam Hussein."

Although there were no uniformed Iraqi troops in Sulaimaniya, Kurds fear Saddam's notorious secret police will soon establish a

### setback for America since Vietnam. President Clinton was now like "a caged hyena, rushing around in search of a

BINYAMIN Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, has brushed aside American calls

for prompt action to revive the Middle East peace process. but said yesterday he was more optimistic about reaching an accord with the Pales-Insisting that he was determined to pursue peace with Syria after talks with President Clinton, Mr Netanyahu had rejected Administration calls to pull out Israeli troops from the West Bank city of

informal land-for-peace agreement with Damascus. Mr Netanyahu told busiessmen in New York yesterday: "At a certain point we will discover whether Syria is interested in peace. I'm more sanguine about the Palestin-

Hebron. He said his Govern-

ment was not bound by the

previous Israeli Government's

Damascus, meanwhile, said Mr Netanyahu had put another nail in the peace process's coffin. The official Al-Baath newspaper said israel must recognise that the Golan Heights should be returned to Syria.

Israel acts to weed out Russian mafia FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI police have drawn

up a list of 35 leading mem-bers of the Russian mafia living in the Jewish state and have asked that Eli Suissa, the Interior Minister, take prompt action to deport them. According to police sources, the suspects are involved in a

wide range of criminal activity including arms smuggling, the illicit sale of radioactive material, gambling networks, white slavery and international prostitution. Equally worrying from the point of view of Israel's future is the claim that they have been using vast sums of cash generated by the mafia in the former Soviet Union to buy off local and national politicians.

Yesterday Israel Radio re-ported that the Palestinian police had also launched a crackdown on Russian mafia activities, ordering a halt to the building of a big casino and hotel complex in the newly autonomous Jericho re-gion after intelligence reports that underworld figures from the former Soviet Union had infiltrated the scheme designed to attract gamblers from Israel, where casinos are

banned. The extent of the penetration by the Russian mafia of Israeli society, disclosed in a rash of police-inspired media reports. has shocked many Israelis. According to one senior police officer, at least £2.5 million of the estimated £19 million ferried out of former Soviet Union by the mafia and its rivals in recent years is

thought to have been invested in Israel. Asked whether claims that Israel could be put in a situation similar to that faced by America earlier this century, when underworld figures had much control over national life by means of their pulitical influence. Moshe Shahal, the former Police Minister, told Israel Radio: "Yes, it is relevant." He would not be drawn further, saying that it was a matter for the

police to handle. According to police sources, the list of suspects was first handed to Avigdor Kahalani, the Internal Security Minister. The move came after a Cabinet briefing two weeks ago on the rise in organised crime in the country. Most of this is in the hands of former Soviet citizens, known generically as the Russian mafia although some come from Ukraine and other parts of the former

WORLD SUMMARY

### Ship full of sheep has sunk

Sydney: The search for an abandoned ship carrying 67,000 Australian sheep has been called off after the discovery of debris. This indicates the vessel has sunk," Lloyd Beeby, a spokesman for the Austra-lian Meat and Livestock

Corp. said yesterday. The debris was found iust before the four-day search for the Uniceb was called off north of the Seychelles. The crew abandoned the ship, en route to Jordan, after fire broke out, They heard two explosions as they drifted in lifeboats. There were no further sightings of the vessel, even though it was left in a busy shipping lane. (Reuter)

### Archbishop burnt to death

Bujumbura: Monsignor Joachim Ruhuna, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Gitega province in Burundi, was burnt to death when Hutu rebels ambushed his vehicle, an army spokesman said.

A deacon who arrived on the scene soon after the attack on Monday found the bodies of the archbishop and a nun on fire in their vehicle. (AFP)

### Pope will not have check-up'

Rome: The Vatican denied a report that the Pope, 76, plans to undergo hospital tests this month to determine the cause of a recurrent intestinal illness. Joaquín Navarro-Valls, his spokesman, said last week that the illness could be linked to a 1981 assassination attempt when the Pope was wounded in the stomach. (AP)

### Australia to get 180mph train

Sydney: Australian government ministers have finally approved a A\$2 billion (El billion) project to build a 180mph train (Rachel Bridge writes). Bicker ing between state and federal governments has delayed for more than ten years the development of the train, which will run from Sydney to Canberra.

### Senators hit at gay marriages

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Washington: As a Hawaiian court began hearing a case that could lead to the legalisation of homosexual marriages in that state (Martin Fletcher writes), senators here were preparing to approve an Act that would let states disregard gay marriages legalised elsewhere in America.

### Rafsanjani to visit Pretoria

Johannesburg: President Rafsanjani of Iran arrives in South Africa tomorrow for a state visit (Inigo Gilmore writes). He is on a six-nation African tour to win support for his Government, which is accused by America of sponsoring terrorism.

### Hung up

Gaza City: Faced with a multi-million-pound bill. Yassir Araiai has barred Palestinian Authority officials from making overseas phone calls. One line reportedly ran up a bill of £212,000 in a month. (AP)

### Red tape smothers mixed romance

By Christopher Walker

A STAR-CROSSED love affair between an Arab man and a Jewish woman, which began nearly 45 years ago, has been blighted again by threats of exile for three of their children after hopes that the 1994 Israeli-Jordanian Peace Treaty had at last

brought the family happiness. The family's plight has touched hearts on both sides of the Arab-Israeli divide and led to pressure on the Israeli Ministry of Interior to bend its usually rigid bureaucratic procedures.

Yediot Aharonot reported that the roots of the muddle go back to the ancient crusader port of Acre, in Israel, where in 1952 Waneta Cohen, a young Jewish girl of Bulgar-

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ian extraction, became preg-nant by her 18-year-old Musneighbour, Hassan Anthawi. Both youngsters were disowned by their parents and Hassan was jailed for statutory rape. But after his release the couple escaped to Jordan, leaving behind their baby daughter to be

raised by Waneta's relatives. They might have remained in Jordan but for the 1994 treaty signed by the late Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Prime Minister, and King Husain which prompted them to try to return to their families, who had forgiven them and want-

ed them to return. A year ago, according to friends, permission was granted for the couple to return to Israel with their three sons, aged 26, 23 and 20,

to be reunited with their families and their daughter. The return was made possible when a senior rabbi, Bakshi Doron, announced that Waneta was still Jewish despite her conversion to Islam and that her children were also Jewish and therefore could immediately come to Israel, aithough they had all

In 1995 the family settled in Acre, and all went well until about six months ago when Hassan was taken into hospital. The youngest son, Yusef, asked to go to work to help the family. Under Israeli law he

been born in Jordan.

needed a work permit.

But when Waneta approached the Ministry of the Interior for the document, she was told that the temporary residence permits her child-

ren held as Jordanian citizens had expired and that all three would be deported to the Palestinian refugee camp in Jordan from which they had come. The parents, as Israeli citizens, were allowed to stay. An Interior Ministry spokeswoman said: "The is sue is being looked into."



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row, and engineering and technology will complete the process on Friday.

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Flared trousers are staging a return this autumn says Style Editor, Grace Bradberry but this time in the shape of the highly flattering bootcuts

Liares have been flapping around for several seasons now, but only the very tall and lean have so far dared

to buy them.

And with good reason. They have an unerring ability to distort the body, shortening legs and widening hips. But this autumn, flares really are making a comeback, though in a modified form. Bootcut trousers, so called because they kick out at the hem to allow room for high beels or boots.

have made a comeback.

So what's different about bootcuts? Quite simply, they are flattering. The best ones elongate the leg, slim the thigh, and create a flat stomach. Worn long over the foot, they allow for a pair of heels, lengthening the legs still further.

This season's definitive pants were by Gucci. But they

were also seen stalking the catwalk shows of Chanel. Anna Molinari and others, making already tall models look as though they were on stilts.

Joseph Ettedgui, the designer who heads the Joseph empire, has made something of a speciality of the cut.

The fabric, he declares, is crucial. "The ideal fabric is not particularly traditional, but rather fluid, with a bit of body. Stretch is important."

For daytime, Joseph has taken what appear to be traditional tailoring fabrics, but

For daytime, Joseph has taken what appear to be traditional tailoring fabrics, but mixed them with stretch fibres, so that the trousers hold their shape while following the body's curves.

As a result, the shape can be sharply defined.
"For this winter, they should be worn quite tight," says Joseph. "And the kick should definitely begin just

below the knee."

But the most important point to look for when buying bootcut trousers is that they actually fit at the thighs. Too tight, and they'll create a sausage effect, with the leg bulging out between the knee and hip.

Whatever you choose to wear with the trousers, it should continue the long line. Slim-fitting shirts and turtle necks work well, but if you want to de-emphasise the bust then a jacket is probably the best option.

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The one by Joseph (shown in the main picture), is short, neat and has a slightly shrunken silhouette.

Leathers and suedes are everywhere this autumn, but

beware anything too heavy as they will thicken the legs and blur the effect of what should be a sharply defined shape.

Finally, if you're looking for something more casual than the trousers featured here, then Levi's have brought back their classic boot-cut jeans at around £50 a pair, though different stores carry different prices.

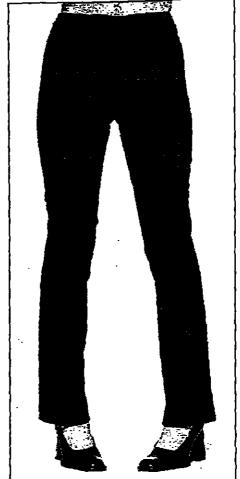
And Farah trousers, skeletons in the cupboard of Seventies adolescence, are also back, with what they describe as "a new look for the chemical generation".



French Connection maple stretch

bootcut hipsters with a jean-like

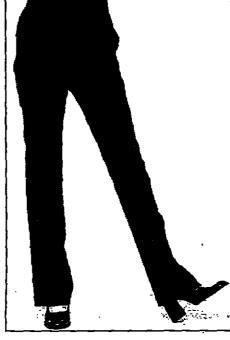
Plein Sud burgundy trousers, £189, Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW7



Kookai brown stretch velcro hipster, cut from heavy cotton with Lycra, £49.99. Available from high



Jigsaw flat-front herringbone trousers with low-cut waistband and hip pockets, £72. 126-127 New Bond St, W1, and 39-43 King St, Manchester.



Whistles black/grey stripe woo! twill trousers with very low waistband, £110, 27 Sloane Sq, SW1.
Also at 9 High St, Oxford.



Dorothy Perkins chocolate brown boot cut gaberdine trousers with a narrow waistband and a hint of flare, \$25, branches nationwide.

### THE VEHILLE

FRENCH
CONNECTION: Front
pockets and belt loops
on waisthand give a
jeans-like appearance
to these. Cut short in the
leg to stop above the
ankle with a kick at the

KOOKAL: Deep waisthand which fits low on hips. Cut from heavy cotton with Lycra which ensures a very close fit. Short leg length reveals the ankle. Good as an everyday basic trouser.

ITGSAW: A well tailored herringbone tweed trouser, cut slim but not too tight on feg. Low-cut waistband, belt loops, practical hip pockets and a back pocket. Generous leg length which can be worn with

any height of heel. An excellent work trouser. PLEIN SUD: No waistband. Low cut on hips. Can be work belted. Cut extremely long in the length, so requires a high heeled boot. A pronounced flare from knee to have gives a dramatic and very flattering silhoutise.

WHISTLES: Black/Grey stripe wool twill
with very low
waistband. The
pinstripes effectively
slim and lengthen the
leg. Extra long length
and designed to be worn
with a high heeled
boot or shoe.

DOROTHY
PERKINS: Gaberdine
trousers with a
simple styling and a
narrow waistband.
Cut loose on the leg with
a hint of flare. Let
down by the thinness of
fabric.

NAF NAF: Green stretch cotton print trouser. Very slim fitting casual trouser cut to hug the hips. Unusual front patch pockets on hips and back. It provides a very flattering silhouette.

Bola Siwoku

### Catwalk glam or sleek slick?

FRANCOIS Nars specialises in dramatic, movie-star looks for the catwalk, and is the latest in a string of make-up artists to introduce his own-tabel products to Britain.

The Nars range is for

The Nars range is for women who want to make an impact and are interested in fashion-show life. His Khaki and Togo eye colours featured in the Valentino and Istante shows, while Fuji (forest green) and Moulin Rouge (deep plum) dominated Ferretti and Philosophy.

The range isn't cheap. An eyeshadow duo costs £22, while sheer lipsticks, with names like Barbarella and Belle du Jour, are £15.50. From Space NK, 41 Eartham Street, Covent Garden, Lon-

don, tel: 0171-379 7030.

SLICKED back hair is the style to have this autumn. It may look simple but, frankly, it's a real performance. First you need to dry the hair straight, then apply just enough and no more of a

suitable finishing product. The truly fashion-conscious should look for Oribe Pomades (pronounced Or-bay apparently), which come in two quiff-creating strengths and are priced £8.50.

For real fashion victims, there are eight different colours for the antithesis of the natural look. These tint the hair then wash out, and cost £9.50. Available through Beauty Quest, a new mailorder club. Tel: 0541 505 000, or from Space NK.

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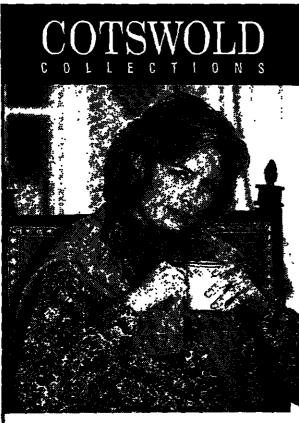
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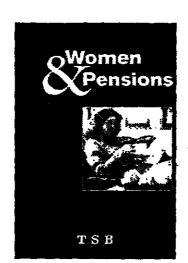
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Despite their early friendship, Dr Runcie believed that if Terry Waite "was going to be an international negotiator, he oughtn't to be on my staff"

# Terry always enjoyed the centre stage

not prepared for his size - he towers above everyone and is broadly built to match. At times he indulged in the relaxed bullying that a very big man can afford. I liked this side of him, but was less comfortable with what I soon found myself labelling his "holy" aspect - a solemn self-consciously gious" manner into which he was always slipping, quite unlike anything that I had experienced with Runcie.

I asked Waite why he had never been ordained. "For a very simple reason. I don't believe I have a priestly vocation. I have valued the freedom to move and work in a variety of ways ... " Did he feel, early on, that some great task was waiting for him, did he have a sense of looking for a dramatic role? "I don't believe so, although I've always been drawn towards situations that are very difficult, virtually impossible."

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With hindsight, his extraordinary career as a superman liberator of hostages begins to look like a calculated reaction to Runcie's fence-sitting. "I'd never thought of that," said Waite. "If we look at the hostage episodes, it was quite clear that there was a point of very considerable principle.

Also it became clear over Beirut that the Foreign Office was not getting anywhere, and knew very little, and would value an involvement by us. It seemed to me that if we claimed to be the Church of England, and not a sectarian group ... we ought to do it. And if we were to do it, we ought not to turn back when the going got tough."

At what point did he feel Runcie's support for him was waning? "Well, we were not having early success. We were in touch with Syria, we were in touch with the Lebanese, we were in touch with, oh, dozens of people, but nothing really seemed to be moving. And I think Robert felt, look, we're not really getting far ... We deliberately chose the strategy of going public, of giving The Runcie Biography: Humphrey Carpenter reveals that when Terry Waite's life was on the line in Lebanon he felt a lack of support from the Archbishop



In February 1981 Terry Waite aided the release of three Anglican hostages from Iran

myself a public profile, in order to get a response from kidnappers ... But I think Robert thought I was making it too much of a personal crusade. And that would be a fair criticism."

I told Waite what Runcie had said to me: "Waite was initially a good friend and a good companion and we worked well together. But he always enjoyed centre stage: he was what Oliver North once called 'a grandstander' but forgivably so. Of course it was totally absorbing to him. but if he was going to be an international negotiator he oughtn't to be on my staff."

Did Waite think this was

fair comment? "No, I don't think it is, entirely. If he didn't want to get involved in it. he ought to have said so very clearly. In which case I could have said. Very well, in that case I resign, and I'll do it from another base.' I was quite prepared to do that. Once the American arms for hostages deal was exposed. I had to go back to Beirut, to demonstrate my good faith to the kidnappers. And what would it say to men who were in prison [they actually wrote to the Archbishop saying: 'Please help us'] if we said, sorry, we're pulling out because it's too tough? ... So I went back. I said. 'I damn well will, even if this costs me my life. That may sound arrogant, but I was willing because it was so important."

In a sense, the halfheartedness of Runcie's support had made him go even further? "Absolutely. I admit to certain uncharitable thoughts, when I was ... in the Lebanon ... And my life was on the line every day. And I thought, am I really supported from home? And I wasn't."

TOMORROW Runcie and Women

'I'd had girlfriends from the day when I first discovered what you could do in the back row of a cinema'

In the review of Waite's Taken on Trust. Robert Fisk. who had been The Times correspondent in Beirut during the hostage crisis, is very sceptical about Waite's position over Irangate. He writes: After talking to the State Department he [Waite] banged down the phone with the words 'Bastards!' Even at that early stage, it seems, the

Americans were two-timing

I asked Waite what his

Terry Waite."

feeling had been when the Irangate story broke. The picture he paints of North in his book is so cloak-and-dagger that it can scarcely have surprised him to see North's double-dealing revealed. "... My feeling was one of absolute sickness, because I realised that there was a chance here of myself being compromised, of the whole thing collapsing totally.... I mean, that's why l got on the phone to him immediately." He actually phoned North? "Yes, and asked him what the hell was

going on. He simply said 'Oh don't worry, it'll be all right'." I suggested to Waite that it was fair to say that he had left a lot of questions unanswered in his book, Taken on Trust.

One was that while Waite fully described the physical discomforts of captivity, and the psychological uncertainty. I didn't get the feeling of absolute and utter despair which he must, surely, have felt at

least from time to time. "No, I didn't. I don't think I did feel absolute and utter despair . . . I said to myself, as I say in the book, death would be prefera-ble to this living death. But I didn't particularly want to die in those circumstances, with my family and friends not knowing how I died.

Another area he didn't go into in the book was his relations with the other hostages when they were confined. "I have two reasons for that. One is that the book was written in my head, in captivity; it's primarily a book written from solitary. And when you move from solitary to be with others, a very different process takes place — you're into personal communication. The book, in a sense, ends when I join the others.

I could understand his not wanting to write about the others. But there must have been quite a lot of conflict between them all: surely that was when he must have learnt most about himself, seeing himself as they saw him? "Yes, there was conflict, but I don't think it was necessarily the conflict that one could really get hold of, because almost for the whole of that final year I was sick ... And a chronic irritation to the others because

But did he have the experience, confined with the others, of seeing himself through other people's eyes? "Oh yes, of course it's the most terrible thing. I'm not blind to that. 1 know my own failings." I told Runcie I was puzzled

that Waite could convince himself that he could spend the rest of his life sitting in his cottage in Suffolk writing books. Runcie replied: "He wants to be in action again."

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### Smacking problems for step-parents in the new family order

veryone knows what they think about the thwacked boy who is taking his case to Europe. The row chugs on, covering all-too-familiar tracks. We are familiar with the arguments: the anti-smackers champion his case, seeing in it hope that the smacking of children will, finally, be outlawed over here. Smackers denounce all this modern, soft euro-folly, shaking their heads and sorrowfully wishing that reason and authority will prevail.

But neither reaction is to the point here. This is not a case about whether parents should or should not be allowed to smack their children. The difficulty, however, is that it is always difficult to stay out of that particular argument. It is so tempting to weigh in. to remark that even pro-smackers might see that going at a child regularly with a stick is beyond the realms of "reasonable chastisement", that it not even constitute smacking.

John Major's contribution here is notably flawed. God, how depressing it is to have as one's Prime Minister a man who says: "My children were dealt with at home by Norma and I in a way that was appropriate and personal to them." If you think it is the thought that counts, then you might concede him this one ---but by Norma and I?

If this case were simply about what rights parents have over their children and what rights the state has over parents, we could gaily carry on down this particular road. But this would be spectacularly to miss the point this case is not about the family but about the step-family, an entirely different matter.

With more than half of all first marriages (and a notable chunk of second marriages) ending in divorce, the step family is the new norm. And because it has become so familiar, we think we are at home with the new rules. We are not. And they are different. That should, surely, be recognised. To some extent we do

acknowledge this extraordinarily sensitive difference, although not explicitly. I think. nervousness with which we are conducting this debate, the way we skirt around the details. That it was the stepfather wielding the stick is certainly mentioned, as is the fact that the boy's natural father is supporting his son's action. But there is a curious silence about the implications of all this. Oh, perhaps it is insinuated that there might be a little tension there, some conflict. But let's take it out of the personal arena. The relationship between the two husbands, one ex, one current, in this case, is not in itself the point. But we are right to look at the relationship, generally, between a child and a stepparent. We are wrong to presume that, give or take a bit of blood, things are the same or ever could be.

insist that there is no difference who is wielding the stick. I am not sure J would want to argue the toss but I think we are right to feel nervous about any step-parent's chastisement of a child. We do not own our children but we are responsible for them, and I mean viscerally so, rather than simply legally, There are many real fathers who beat their children — the blood tie does not ensure better treatment — but we understand the often murky depths of the bond between parent and child. What is the bond between step-parent and child? Why should one even exist? The relationship is be-

tween the adults. We are all well-versed in the horrors of the evil stepmother.

Whatever the judges decide, who makes the rules when slapping adult and slapped child are unrelated by blood?

Reading children's stories to my daughter, I am appalled at the intensity and frequency of her depiction. The cruel stepfather is largely absent from the children's canon, but the stories that do exist tell us enough about a child's fear of betraval in the home.

To be sure, one must presume that on the whole a child's experience of stepparents is not a tortured one. although there are bound to be difficulties. A mother of unruly children might well,



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after exhausting years as a single parent, like to have a man around to take them in hand. That is, after all, what she will have been told they need (I would concur, with the proviso that the man they need is their father). She might be grateful to be taken on and taken in together with the children (we are sensitive enough about paternity to have, culturally, a shared nervousness about one man's acceptance of another man's child) and might be relieved to be given support in disciplining them.

But her children, surely, would be right to resent this interloper, to wonder what right he has to tell them what to do, to take parental responsibility for them, let alone to hit them. To the mother it might look generous, to the child it would inevitably seem mean.

We, too, are right to question the appropriateness of such behaviour. But then, what is or is not appropriate

ters must also now be up for inspection. When, in November last year, someone in the photographic department of Boots went to the police about Somerville's naked child, the debate that followed was predictable. Was childhood inno-cence dead and buried? Must we see pornography everywhere? Must our minds be clouded by the obscenities of child abuse? Of course, the man behind

the counter had no idea who had taken the photos, so that could not colour his judgment. But again, there seemed to be some nervousness about the public reaction later. No one said as much - and I don't mean to imply any inappropriate behaviour in this instance — but I think we all felt that we were less sure of the rules when it involved an unofficial stepfather in the

Again, I don't need telling that men have, since time immemorial, interfered with their daughters. But I do believe that our increasing sensitivity about the sexual abuse of children is due to the increasing number of step-families. What taboos really exist between step-parent and child? None — for all the biblical proscriptions — that protects either of them.

n discussing these situa-tions as if the words father and stepfather were all but interchangeable. we are denying the way in which the roles differ. I have often thought that the terms stepfather and stepmother are fundamentally unhelpful. They blur the fact that there is no necessarily parental rela-tionship there at all. There is a sexual relationship between one of the child's parents and someone else: the children involved might have a close relationship with the partners of either parent, but that does not make those partners ersatz or additional parents. Indeed, the most successful step-relationships exist when neither party makes such a daim.

This is not to discredit the set-up that might now exist -I know from my own experience that there are pleasures and benefits, too, in the modern extended family - but we have to accept that things have changed and the law, too, should take this into account

Perhaps this is too cynical, but I cannot help thinking that with such a large part of the electorate consisting of step-families, we are a long way from seeing any politician with his eye on his vote doing anything to acknowledge these new dangers or to tackle the new taboos. It is up to us. And maybe it is better that way — only we cannot, must not, shirk it.

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Man has a new best friend, but the police don't want to know

do not want to write this piece. Not only is it going to be a really gruesome piece.

which means that many of you will not want to read it — especially if it is your habit to prop The Times against the cruet set while you spoon down your morning roughage but it is also going to be the sort of piece which generates sackfuls of replies, many of them written in the spidery hand and emerald ink of the completely demented.

That is because the piece is about cats. You will therefore instantly appreciate that though neither I may want to write it nor you to read it, duty miaows. For British cats are suddenly more important than they have ever been, not simply for themselves but for their prime position as cultural signifiers, now that their population, as of this year's pet census, outnumbers, for the first time, that of dogs. I do not know why this has happened, they do not fetch our slippers, they do not bite our burglars, they do not even bring our sticks back, yet nonetheless cats have now achieved a national significance second, quadripodally at least, to none.

But it is not, it seems, significant enough. I

know this because, when I went to my gate this morning to collect the milk, there was a dead cat in the road. At some earlier point it had been flattened, and it was all too pitiably evident that the later the morning had grown. the flatter had grown the cat, so that matters had now reached a point where some kind of expert would be required to separate it from the tarmac. And, furthermore, to notify the bereaved. So I rang the police.

To discover, to my astonishment, the insignificance of what is now man's best friend. For while the police will pull out all the official stops to deal with a dead, or merely missing, dog, when it comes to cats, de minimis non curat lex.

The cat, alive or dead, has no constabulary status. It is, I was informed in the Bill's drear

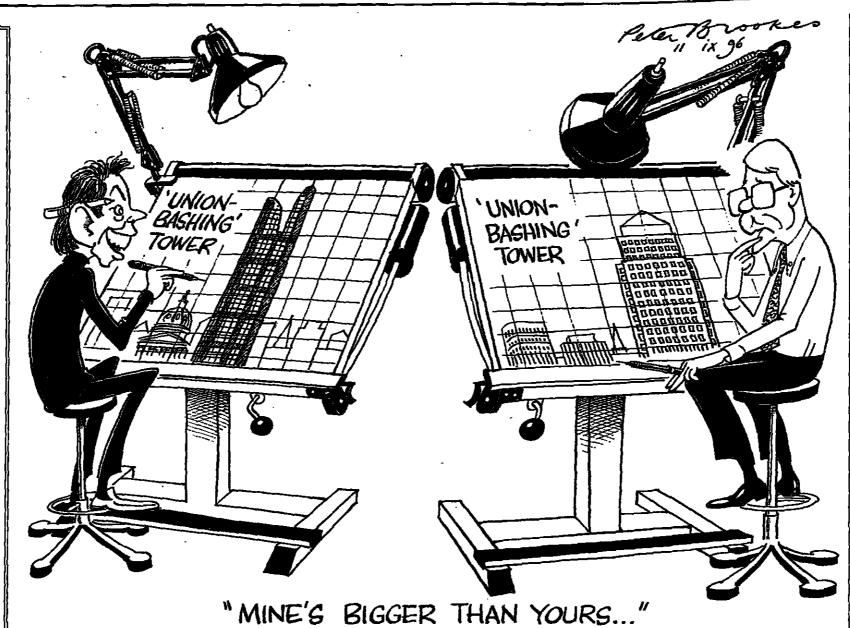
jargon, non-notifiable. So what do I do? I said. You phone Barnet Council's Highway Cleaning Department, said the Bill. They, it added tenderly, will send a bloke round to scrape it up.

Scrape it up? Someone loved this cat -indeed probably still does, not yet knowing that it will never again pop through the catflap, having reached a state where it could as easily be slid under the door. The exowner should be compassionately told what had happened, not left to speculate and fret, or wander the streets day and night calling its name, putting out bowls of milk or marrowbone jelly destined only to attract unpet flies. More yet, they should be told that it was dead so that they could grieve, and. more still, be given the opportunity to retrieve their loved one, roll it up, and bury it in some dappled garden spot, erect a headstone, bedeck the poignant mound with

catrup, all that. have passed since I rang the Highway Cleaning Department, but their grim scraper hasn't vet arrived, and I can't decide what to do when he does: ask him for the scrapings - even though he is sure to claim he is not empowered to release these under Section 12 of the Highways (Scrapings) Act 1934, folding money may sometimes spot a loophole - and divine some way of finding their proper resting place? If so, how? Wait for a note to be put on a gate about a missing cat, with a description now utterly unhelpful and a name to which it is no longer in a position to answer? Put one on my own asking if anyone has lost a tyre-coloured moggy three feet square? And how long, never mind where, should I be expected to keep feline remains, the weather still being

mild for the time of year? Two further cars have just rendered the problem yet more insoluble: by the time the Council turns up, it could be a question of cat, what cat. I trust this is not some kind of prank, we are up to here with hedgehogs as it is. So can any good emerge from all this? Well, just possibly, for though this cat's fate is sadly sealed, it may unseal the fate of others: I ask for the law to be changed to make cats notifiable, so that they fall within the reach of its long arm. That is why I have

written this piece. Despite a strong suspicion that the Bill will have wanted me to write it even less



# Proud to be a cynic

n October 1983, America invaded the Caribbean mini-state of Grena-da to topple a nasty regime. It did so in defiance of a United Nations resolution and of international law. The invasion was shambolic. American "pre-cision bombing" wiped out Grenada's mental hospital, killing some 50 pa-tients. Margaret Thatcher publicly berated Ronald Reagan, despite his support for her Falklands campaign a year earlier. Friends must speak honestly to friends, she said. Wrong is wrong. Great powers must respect state borders if they are to expect others to respect them. I

was proud of Mrs Thatcher that day. This week, Britain has grovelled before Bill Clinton's bombing of Iraq. Both John Major and Tony Blair felt obliged to support it. America's other allies behaved like sovereign states. The French, the Germans, even the Irish. thought and acted for themselves. Every British minister and diplomat privately thought Washington's action pure opportunism. But the whoosh of an American missile had knees jerking to right, even if wrong. It was a humiliating spectacle.

Mr Clinton's bombing succeeded in its unspoken goal. As today's Time magazine trumpets, his domestic standing has risen, with a 70 per cent approval for the bombing and for "using military force to remove Saddam from power". The same poll showed 60 per cent opposed to doing this in the only way possible, by deploying ground troops. But consistency has never been a requisite of democracy.

Too bad if Saddam is now stronger Too bad if America's tactic of bolstering Kurdistan is in ruins. Too bad if the ClA is forced to rat on its friends and leave them to be shot in the streets of Arbil. Too bad if millions of dollars are wasted. an alliance is wrecked and an unknown number of people are mutilated or killed. The President's poll rating is up. The operation is a success.

But why does Britain need to be party to all this? Why does Mr Major have to claim, absurdly, that the bombing was needed to prevent another humanitarian disaster"? Why does Labour's Robin Cook gabble about the bombing being to "protect the safe havens"? He could read in The Independent (as his MI6-briefed) staff must already have told him) the revelation that America had refused to protect these havens as recently as last July. As for the "pin-point" accuracy of

Clinton has betrayed the Kurds. So why do Major and Blair grovel to him?

the missiles, over which the British press drooled at the weekend. Mr Major found himself supporting the second missile raid because the first "was not as successful as one might have wished".

When British diplomats are in craven mode, they cite Lord Melbourne's famous plea for support not when he was in the right, but when he was in the wrong. Yet Mr Clinton was not seeking the right or wrong thing to do in Iraq. He was acting from self-interest. So too were the French and the Arab states who opposed the American action. Iraq has become a supermarket where any statesman may shop for domestic profit. Britain might

have some interest in Saddam's downfall, or in weakening him, or in helping the Kurds. But no sane person could believe that Tomahawks would do any such things.

As Charles Glass points out in this week's TLS, the history of Western devious-

ness in Kurdistan knows no bounds. It began with Britain's bombine of Kurdish villages in the 1920s. The Americans succoured the Kurdish leader, Mulla Barzani, against Saddam in the 1970s. then ratted on him. They then succoured his son, Massoud Barzani, and last month ratted on him. He learned from his father's mistake and chose Saddam's support as the lesser evil. To be anyone's worse evil than Saddam Hussein takes some doing: Nato has done it.

What the West did in 1991 was reprehensible. Faced with distressing television images of refugees. Nato de-clared Kurdistan safe. This was a cynical. media-driven act which Nato knew it could not honour. As with Bosnia, the outside world was half-guaranteeing the security of a half-sovereign state. There are some 20 million Kurds - making the world's largest nation without a state who foolishly thought in 1991 that their de facto independence might be a legacy of the Gulf War. They were deceived. They appear to have chosen a period of cowed stability under the Turkish-Iraqi diarchy.

A bizarre group of lobbyists, from the

Tories' Lord Archer to Labour's Ann Clwyd, have ridden to the cause of the Kurdish faction opposed to Barzani, the Iran-backed PUK. They wish the West to renew its guarantee to Kurdistan as a whole and put troops on the ground. This parodies the most reckless of romantic Arabist fantasies. A Western military guarantee to Kurdistan was a cruel deceit in 1991: today it would be meaningless. Which Kurds? Whose Kurdistan? The last remnants of the 1991 guarantee -- some 200 CIA agents -- are now being rescued from the mountains. leaving their erstwhile friends to be shot by fellow Kurds.

Those Britons demanding war on Sad-dam are "killing Kruger with their mouths". Hundreds if must have died as a direct result of America's hamfisted covert intervention against Saddam since 1990. Foreign involvement

in other people's internal wars should be privatised. It should be left to mercenaries, philanthropists and expatriates. When Britons sought to defeat Franco in the 1930s, they did so as private citizens and with their own lives at risk, not from the comfort of armchairs and television studios.

n this page last week. Lawrence Freedman criticised those who doubt America's motives in Iraq. He did so on the eccentric grounds that America is "setting Saddam rules to live by". He said, in effect, that any bombing by Washington is better than none and deserves support. An occasional missile sent round the globe reminds the world who is boss.

This is a revival of the policy of containment by overkill", advocated by Henry Kissinger in Laos and Cambodia during the Vietnam war. The pure terrorism of American military hardware, goes the argument, should make lesser mortals rein back on their atrocities. America can always bomb them into the Oark Ages. They should beware. But while this concept had some application to the Cold War, it had none in South-East Asia and has none today. America is an impatient, half-hearted boss, and that is worse than no boss at all.

There are now two contrasting and incompatible approaches to handling dictators. One abuses them, ostracises them, occasionally bombs them. It is easy and morally glamorous, but it never delivers the goods. Libya, Somalia, Bosnian Serbia and Iraq stand out in defiance. The other approach leaves them to stew in their own juice. It does not attack an oppressed people with the further oppression of sanctions or elevate its rulers into anti-American heroes. This approach believes that capitalism, trade and contact do more to promote political change than boycott

and aggression.

The appeal of the first approach seems never to fade. Nobody questions the effectiveness of bombs and embargos: people merely demand more of them. A myriad of Western institutes and academies, seminars and conferences, steer policing: why do bombs and sanctions fail to convert evil dictatorships into stable democracies? Punditry is seized by the intellectual terror that afflicted the early years of the Cold War. Saddam is loathsome. Openly to advocate "doing nothing about Saddam", for whatever reason, is the equivalent of being "soft on communism". Any act, however stupid or counterproductive, is better

than nothing.

The truth is that foreign policy in a democracy remains, as always, a subset of domestic policy. It is about display, show, bravado and self-interest. The shambles this week in Kurdistan was a passing sideshow. As a Washington official reportedly told Barzani last month, when he pleaded for help against his rivals, "We have bigger fish to fry than the Kurds." Small wonder he smelt American treachery and went for help to Saddam. Only after Barzani and his new Iraqi backers secured the easy fall of Arbil did Washington send missiles, "as a message to Saddam". We have seen this past week what that message was: Kurds need not vote for

Bill Clinton but Americans should. If that is cynical. I am proud to be a cynic. How else can an American look a Kurd in the eye just now? Why Mr Major had to put his name to such a trick beats me. Why Mr Blair had to agree with him is a yet greater mystery.

### Putting the V & A to shame Marc Jordan on

the National Portrait Gallery

his summer, the heritage world has again been agog at events at the Victoria and Albert Museum. First there was the unveiling of designs for a new £42 million building on its Boilerhouse site. It is possible that the glass-clad, fractured polygon designed by the Israeli architect Daniel Libesland could be an ornament to London, but only on a site of its own, where it would be eallery and sculpture in one, like be gallery and sculpture in one, like the Guggenheim Museum in New York Inserted in the mellow Victorian terracotta of Exhibition Road, it would look cotta of Exhibition Road, it would look plain silly. Then there was the series of mishaps that led to the National Heritage Memorial Fund acquiring the Beckett chasse on behalf of the V & A for \$4 million, a year after it had been offered privately to the British Museum for half that amount.

Less widely noticed, perhaps because camouflaged by the predictable brouhaha over the glass polygon, was the decision of the museum's new director Alan Borg to replace the current "voluntary" entrance charge with a compulsory one of £5 from the beginning of next month. Let us hope that Dr ning of next month. Let us nope that Or Borg's move is a cry for help and not a statement of professional conviction, since the past decade has seen an overall 50 per cent upward trend in the numbers of visitors to non-charging national museums, and a matching decline in visits to those that do.

After this it is pleasant to turn to a more uplifting tale, albeit about a smaller and less grand institution, but one that is just as central to our cultural life. Tonight the National Portrait Gallery, whose director Charles Saumarez Smith recently reiterated his commitment to free entrance, opens its refurbished first-floor galleries, rehung with its 19th and earlier 20th-century collections. The project ought to be a cause for quiet satisfaction to Dr Saumarez Smith and the architect, Piers Gough. They have used the opportunity offered by building work necessary to renew the wiring, sprinklers and alarms to revive the mainly hidden 19th-century architecture of the existing rooms and to create an engaging new gallery within a neutral shell previously used for exhibitions.

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 ough installed the Lutyens exhibition in the Hayward Gallery in 1981 — one of the few occasions when that unlovely concrete bunker was a humane setting for art. He has brought a similarly restrained sense of theatre to his restoration of the old rooms at the Portrait Gallery, unblockiu removing 1970s pia terboard from archways, cornices and architraves, and hanging the walls with violet, burnt-orange and plum-coloured silks. The result is a dignified but far from oppressively historicist setting for Victorian worthies, who are cantilevered out from the walls in a very un-club-like way by the ingenious system Gough has devised to mitigate the effect of daylight falling from the side.

For the great, the good and the notorious of the first six decades of the 20th century. Gough has provided something quite different. To hide the new services, he has designed a swoop-ing and curving ceiling that is reminiscent of a Thirties liner or the Festival of Britain. The room over which it presides is brightly lit by natural light from the tall windows overlooking Orange Street. and many of the pictures are hung on clear glass walls. The contrast with the enfilade of 19th-century galleries is piquant. But it is subtle and intelligent too, reflecting the uniquely romantic brand of modernism which in this country succeeded the public solemnity of the pre-1914 world.

The Portrait Gallery will not be resting on its laurels, however. Like everyone else, it has a millennium project - for which it is seeking a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Circu-lation in the building has always been awkward: around 70 per cent of visitors see the ground floor, but not many reach the top.

reremy Dixon and Edward Jones. architects of the Royal Opera House redevelopment, have proposed to build a new wing on the only available site, a narrow backyard that separates the gallery from the National Gallery. It will provide a basement lecture theatre, a mezzanine gallery and a new top-floor gallery to display properly the fine Tudor collection, which includes the great Holbein cartoon of

Henry VIII. Above all, it includes a handsome and spacious new entrance hall leading from the Victorian one, with a glass-side escalator rising directly to the top floor. And on the roof will be a cafe with a glass-fronted loggia giving panoramic views across the roofscape of the National Gallery to Trafalgar Square

Whitehall and Westminster. Earlier this year the gallery launched its centenary appeal. If it can raise [4 million towards the £16 million needed to open this new building in January 2000, it is hopeful of £12 million of lonery money. So far there have been promises of £1.7 million. There are all sorts of reasons why the continuing expansion should be supported, not least because in this relativistic and integrationist age the collection tells the story of the achievements of English history and the people who were and are the achievers. And there is a fine architectural irony. while Dixon Jones's building will have a particularly elegant and satisfying interior rior, it will be enveloped on all four sides by existing buildings, and so have no

### Retrievers

ELECTRONIC tags are being inserted into the Queen's dogs to prevent them from going missing. The idea was suggested to Her Majesty two years ago, after Prince Charles lost Pooh, his Jack Russell, which was never found despite an intensive dog-hunt

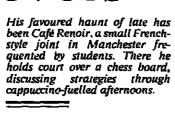
than I did.

around the Balmoral estate. Two royal spaniels have had microchips implanted. The size of grains of rice, these contain data about their owner. If lost, the spaniels can be traced by a scanner and the Oueen's many other dogs - corgis. labradors and so on - are expected to be tagged soon.

Her Majesty wanted to show

her support for the RSPCA-backed tagging system," says the Palace. The Prince of Wales, who took on a replacement puppy after Pooh went missing down a rabbit hole, is said to be considering tagging his dogs as well. But retainers at the Palace are unsure about the experiment. Many would like to see the last of the ankle-biting mutts.

• Eric Cantona has found a new game. After painting acting. theatrical patronage and literary criticism he has turned to chess.

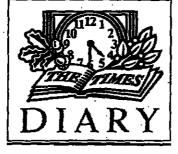


Eye-eye

THURSDAY night saw the Duke of York supping with the Royal



"How do you fancy being Mr Blunkett's new guide dog?"



College of Opthalmologists in London. The evening grew bibulous as the eye-men spotted the opties behind the bar.

Fortunately, the Duke doesn't have to worry about missing the last bus. A helicopter was on hand to sweep him back to his naval base in Portland, Dorset. The next morning, however, he felt a familiar throbbing behind the eyes. He dozed, woke, and dozed again until he saw the time. Diving headlong into his kit, he made it to his first engagement of the day, a plaque unveiling in Portland - an apologetic 15 minutes late.

Big star

A HUGE star is to fill our screens. Washington Sixolo is the domebellied and chesty South African actor who plays King Lobengula, ruler of the Matabele, in the BBC's forthcoming epic series about Cec-il Rhodes. His friend is larger still. When David Drury, the director, first met Sixolo, the manmountain was accompanied by an individual who dwarfed even him.

The friend fixed Drury with a hard stare and listened in disarming silence as he outlined the plot. "I was talking about King Loben-gula and felt increasingly uncom-fortable as I realised that I hadn't researched the subject thorough-," says Drury.

Only after he had finished did the biggest man reveal his identity. He is great grandson of



Sixolo: man-mountain

King Lobengula, and declaring "It was so", he authorised the project. and Sixolo was secured.

Harrowing

OUR parliamentarians were left kicking their heels the other day when they turned out to play the Old Harrovians at the school, in a fixture that goes back many years.

A sunny day and perfect condi-tions, mused John Redwood, limbering up as he watched the groundsmen prepare the wicket. Then I learnt from the groundsmen that the wicket wasn't being prepared for us, it was for a game the following weekend. Our match had been cancelled," he said. "Everybody on the team seemed to turn out, but nobody told us. Although it was nice to go back and do some work, it was a shame not to get some practice for the Europhile v Eurosceptic match we're planning."

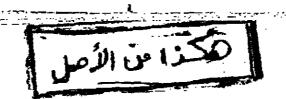
Has landed

ORNITHOLOGICAL news wings its way from Ireland. The former Taoiseach Charles Haughey has been reunited with his pet sea eaele, which flew off four years ago. He likened the bird, with its horrid talons, to Margaret Thatcher. Haughey became acquainted



Bird in the hand

with two eagles — Maeve (female) and Aillil (male) — some years ago when he started tracking them on his island. Inis Mhicileain. He soon became adept at handling them. "I've dealt with Maggie in my day." he would explain. But four years ago. Maeve disappeared - only to reappear recent-"We were so excited," says Haughey. "She was flying so



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I have the honour to remain, Sir. your obedient servant, MICHAEL LARKIN, 11A St Osmunds Road. Poole, Dorset. September 5.

### Tall story

Sir, I can understand Bob Prescott's alarm (letter today) on learning that "the tail of this aircraft is 52 feet above the ground" while on his flight to Manchester. I am similarly alarmed, when flying in America, to be informed that "we shall be in the air moment-

Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire.



### **TAINTED GOLD**

Switzerland's behaviour is unworthy of a democracy

The Foreign Office report on Nazi gold is a fascinating account of greed, deception and double-dealing half a century ago. It does not admit to any British conspiracy to hide ill-gotten ingots in the Bank of England. But it does point to an almost unconscionable delay in overcoming the legal and bureaucratic obstacles that stood between the Nazis's victims, or their heirs and representatives, and the money plundered from them to fund Hitler's war machine.

More damningly, it points to the outrageous refusal by Switzerland, by far the largest beneficiary of German gold exports. to hand over more than a fraction of the huge sum of booty hidden in Swiss vaults. The issue is certainly one which the Swiss, with their tidy habit of hiding away past embarrassments, want to forget. Malcolm Rifkind should tell them bluntly during his visit next week that their behaviour has been immoral, selfish and unworthy of a democratic nation. He should demand that they step up their half-hearted response to regular inquiries by Holocaust victims.

The Foreign Office report, drawn from documents already declassified, is a crisp and well-compiled historical survey. It highlights, with the help of historical distance, the two awkward issues the Allies had to face in their relations with the neutral countries both during and after the war. How could they limit the economic dealings between Nazi Germany and countries such as Sweden and Switzerland without infringing their neutral status? And what legal instrument could they use after Hitler's defeat to ensure restitution of the gold to its

rightful owners? Britain's Ministry of Economic Warfare knew that Switzerland, and to a lesser extent Sweden and Portugal, were vital sources of foreign currency, which Berlin bought with gold seized from Jewish families and businesses and melted down. It favoured a tough approach to the Swiss, warning them that they would have to answer to the Allies if they continued accepting gold seized from occupied Europe. The Bank of England, however, was more circumspect. It recognised that the gold was impossible to trace, that sanctions against the Swiss would backfire - the Allies also needed Swiss francs - and that the gold's owners would be almost impossible to trace later.

So it turned out. The Swiss, who heeded allied warnings only late in the war, denied at their first encounter with postwar negotiators that they held any looted gold. The lie was quickly detected. But when the miserly payment of 250 million Swiss francs was agreed, they were left with approximately seven-eights of the Nazis' gold still in their vaults.

For the past 50 years, various groups have attempted to appeal to the Swiss conscience. Such a commodity appears to be in short supply in Zurich. The arbiters of Swiss banking secrecy rebuffed all attempts by survivors, Jewish groups and American congressional committees to reveal the full extent of their wartime gains. But repeated accusations that the Swiss have been laundering the money of crooks, drugdealers and dictators as well as the Nazis have begun to have effect. Banking secrecy is not the steel door that it once was. The Swiss have accepted that their banks have no business living off the proceeds of crime, and in many cases now co-operate with international investigators.

That makes it all the more worrying that they have refused to open all the files on their wartime dealings. Repaying today's full value of the presumed gold holdings would indeed be very expensive. But if Switzerland. slowly inching out of its self-imposed international isolation, really wants to make amends for its ambiguous wartime behaviour, it should give free rein to the new commission of experts who will look into the dealings with Nazi Germany. Britain, as a member of the Tripartite Gold Commission. has a residual responsibility here. Mr Rifkind's talks with Flavio Cotti, his opposite number, would carry more weight if the Foreign Secretary could also announce that the British Government had found an appropriate home for its own holdings of Nazi gold forthwith.

### THIS IS GOING TO HURT US

### Parents should be allowed to use reasonable force

Growing up in a family is a dress rehearsal for adulthood in the wider world. The family has its own laws, its policemen, judges and jury (usually the same people) and its sanctions. In this structured environment. children learn about right and wrong. responsibilities and duties, sharing and altruism. Parents, in return for giving their offspring unconditional love and care, earn the right to act as enforcers of family law.

Into this microcosm of society the State intrudes at its peril. Only if parents are guilty of serious abuse or neglect should Government have a right to intervene. That is why there is such justified nervousness about the case of the 12-year-old boy who has taken his case to the European Commission of Human Rights, claiming that the Government failed to protect him against the corporal punishment of his stepfather.

Nobody denies that Government should protect children against sadistic physical abuse. It does so already: parents can be prosecuted for assault occasioning actual bodily harm. But they can defend themselves by showing that the punishment concerned constituted "reasonable chastisement". In this case, the stepfather was charged and acquitted, presumably because the jury

thought the punishment was reasonable. Like most hard cases, this one is very unusual. The punishment, a beating with a cane, was so severe that it needed hospital treatment. Yet the crime - trying to stab a brother with a kitchen knife - was also extremely serious. The boy's mother describes him as "totally out of control". His natural father is siding with him against the step-

father; so family politics may be a factor too. Campaigners against corporal punishment see this case as a way of prising further open the door through which the State can enter the tamily home. The physical chastisement to be made illegal, as it is in six other European countries. But to equate a thrashing with a garden cane, which leaves weals for doctors to treat, with a smack on a toddler's bottom or hand is wilfully misleading. Most parents know that, as a last resort, a moderate smack can be a more effective, and less hurtful, form of discipline than a lengthy banishment from parental affection and attention.

It is true that adults are not allowed to smack each other. But children do not have identical rights; nor do they have identical responsibilities. Adults feed, house, finance and care for their children. And they protect them; so, like the police with the citizen, they have an asymmetrical relationship with their children.

Family dynamics would change if corporal punishment were made illegal. The natural parental authority without which a family cannot function would start to break down if children knew that they could threaten to report their parents to the police if the ultimate sanction were used. Already some pupils use the Children Act to intimidate their teachers. Classroom discipline has suffered as a result

The existing law of assault should be adequate to deal with "cruel or unusual" beatings of children. It does not need to be changed to make the average, caring parent

### **ALIEN CORN**

### All argument is against it, but all belief is for it

The British Association yesterday considered BSE, the blues that our prehistoric ancestors played on their flutes of bone and the paranormal. This last may seem an unprofessional topic for a gathering of scientists; but science is concerned with phenomena and no phenomenon should be alien to a scientist

Indeed, the phenomenal cult popularity of such television programmes as the The X Files and such films as Independence Day has attracted the attention of a discord of experts. So has the astonishing prevalence of the belief, not only in America, that a person has been abducted by aliens or has seen a UFO. Fox Mulder's office in The X Files is decorated with a fuzzy photograph of a UFO with the paranormal credo "I want to believe". His beautiful sidekick. Dana Scully, always seeks a rational explanation, but by the end of each episode she has to look at Mulder with a wild surmise, and accept the possibility of clandestine alien hokum. Thus yesterday the British Association materialised into the alien world of visitants from outer space, all said to be wearing even stranger things than the anoraks and tweed

ties of the scientists' premier division. Being scientists, they looked for a rational explanation for the irrational. A persuasive paper argued that "sleep paralysis" lies behind accounts of alien abduction and other such happenings. This phenomenon

happens when a person on the cusp of sleep lies semi-conscious and aware, but cannot move. Such people are experiencing the paralysis that normally occurs during dreaming, as a natural safety-belt to prevent us from acting out our dreams. And the beauty of this theory is that it offers a scientific explanation for not just the paranormal obsessions of today, but also for the ghosts of the past. Sleep paralysis might lie behind the medieval incubus which was supposed to have sexual intercourse with women in their sleep, and the succubus which performed a similar office upon men as they slept unable to defend themselves.

For a ghost is the outward and visible sign of an inward fear. Each age and culture finds the contemporary ghosts it needs to embody its fears. Old ghosts carried their heads under their arms or squeaked and gibbered in the Roman streets, wearing Shakespearian sheets. New ghosts are extraterrestrial homunculi, or mysterious flashing lights and ultra-technical sounds.

Sleep paralysis sounds reasonable. But it is a scientific explanation of experiences that are meant to resist science. Ghosts fear no scientific laws, nor do they care for popular applause. So true believers will not be put off by the British Association's rational explanations of their beliefs. They will still be obsessed by what they think they see standing behind the scientists.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Britain and EU at odds on Iraq

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From Sir Frederic Bennett

Sir. It is wholly misleading for Malcolm Rifkind to point a finger at M Chirac as the scapegoat for his own failure to achieve a unanimous, or even majority. EU decision in support of Washington's resort to military action against Iraq because of its recent armed incursions into the purported Kurdish "safe area" in the north of that country (report, September 9).

The unpalatable truth is that objections to, and misgivings about, the American response were and are widespread. The UN Security Council, including a majority of the five permanent members, and despite rig-orous urgings by the UK, refused to endorse it or even condemn Iraq's action.

There was a similar negative reaction by the Arab League, including those member states which were part of the American-led coalition formed to counter Saddam's invasion of Kuwait - eg. Saudi Arabia, Egypt and

Jordan. As Sir Edward Heath has rightly emphasised, there is a general feeling of unease, and a need for elucidation about the sense and the motivation of the American bombardment of strategic air defence bases in the South of Iraq, as a relevant tactic in seeking to relieve the oppression of Kurds in the North. The inhabitants there have been engaged in an internecine civil war, with one side apparently favouring an accommodation with Baghdad and the other preferring ties with Iran, the other principal bête noire of

Merits of the whole operation apart. there is surely something almost comic about the UK, with its long record of vetoing any and all EU votes whenever HMG feels its national interests are at stake, huffing and puffing when France adopts a similar stance.

Yours etc. FREDERIC BENNETT. Plas Cwmllecoediog. Aberangell, Nr Machynlleth, Powys. September 9.

From Mrs Gillian Bardinet

Sir, I wonder whether your readers are aware that the recent divergence in European attitudes over events in Iraq has been hailed here as a triumph for French diplomacy. "Fearless", "willing to stand alone" etc, and completely untroubled by the decision to try and establish a common front at

Some sections of the British media have presented this decision as being aimed directly at John Major and timed with the exclusive aim of unsettling the Tory Party Conference.

When will Britain cease being paranoid over Europe? We too can be "fearless", "willing to stand alone" etc. and indeed we should be. Yours sincerely GILLIAN BARDINET.

73000 Versailles, France. September 9. From the Chairman of the Council of the International Institute

21 Rue Saint-Honoré,

for Strategic Studies

Sir, Elizabeth Young (letter, September 8) writes of a "consensus" critical of US missile attacks on Iraq at the recent conference of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in Dres-

May I point out that this institute does not express any collective opinion on matters within its purview. All views expressed by its members are individual opinions and do not carry any endorsement by the membership

as a whole. The issue of the missile attacks on Iraq was not part of the conference's agenda, which had been drawn up months ahead, and was not discussed in other than a cursory way in any of the plenary sessions of the conference.

Yours sincerely, ROBERT O'NEILL, Chairman of the Council. International Institute for Strategic Studies. 23 Tavistock Street, WC2. September 8.

### Cornwall's pride

From County Councillor Colin Lawry Sir, Jenny Young (letter, September 9) advises your readers that Gwennap Pit is in Cornwall. Quite correct it was there when I attended a service last month. However, as a Cornishman, I take exception to the heading you gave to her letter. "Wales: see England".

Like Wales, Cornwall has a proud Celtic tradition, a Brythonic Celtic language which is enjoying something of a revival, and increasing recognition within Europe and further afield as a region in its own right.

Unlike most regions of England, Cornwall has a flag of her own - the Cross of St Piran - and a constitutional position which creates at least ambiguity as to the role of the Crown and the Duchy of Cornwall. It deserves wider recognition as a Celtic nation, alongside our cousins in Wales, Brittany. Scotland, the Isle of Man and

Yours faithfully. COLIN LAWRY, Cornwall County Council, County Hall, Truro, Cornwall. September 9.

### Church concerns raised in light of Runcie biography

From Mr Harry Adam

Sir, The speculation over the Prince of Wales's suitability to be Supreme Governor of the Church of England may well be justified (report, leading article and letters, September 10). However the Church of England hierarchy must proceed with the caution of those who live in glass houses, if it chooses to throw stones.

For the past two decades at least Church leaders have failed to provide the vision or leadership to inspire action at parish level, where issues of survival and growth are settled. Their inability to implement the ordination of women without an undignified squabble, and their inept handling of the Church Commissioners' debacle and its aftermath, have had a demoralising effect on congregations. A process of fragmentation has begun which will, in the absence of strategic

leadership, lead to disintegration.
In this context it is hard to see how a disestablished Church of England, stripped of its privilege, could survive without a critical re-examination of its objectives and subsequent radical reform. Perhaps that is itself the strongest argument for disestablishment. Yours faithfully.

HARRY ADAM, 41 Pilkington Avenue, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. September 10.

From the Chairman of The Prayer Book Society

Sir, You quote Lord Runcie (September 9) as saying of The Prince of

Wales: "It would help if he loved the Church of England a bit more." Perhaps it would help if the Church was more loveable.

ated thousands of people who used to sit in its pews by trying to rid itself of the Book of Common Prayer.

ing the prizes at the first of our Cranmer Awards in December 1989, said "1 believe the Prayer Book is a glorious part of every English speaker's heri-

Our banalities are no improvement on the past; merely an insult to it and a source of confusion in the present.

In the case of our cherished religious writings, we should leave well alone, especially when it is better than well: when it is great.

Yours faithfully, C. A. A. KILMISTER, The Prayer Book Society.

Charles for pointing out that

From the Reverend E. M. T.

of nude males are screened in Durothers, urges me to "foster vocations",

tage".

1. for one, am grateful to Prince

Chairman, St James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill, EC4. September 9.

For thirty years or more it has alien-

The Prince of Wales, when presentill-disciplined ministry in a Church

that is obsessed with bureaucracy and

Sir, A former archbishop feared being stabbed in the back by homosexual clergy (report, September 7); the constabulary expresses concern as videos ham Cathedral (reports, September 7); and my bishop, along with many as it is manpower and not money that is, it seems, now the most pressing

We need some 650 to 700 ordinands

each year, but in 1994 just over 200 recommended for training. There is clearly a correspondence between these matters. Able men, and women, will not offer themselves for ordination into an

problem in the Church of England.

centralisation and where bishops are wanting too much power. The Church cannot have it all ways.

Yours faithfully, EDWARD UNDERHILL St George's Vicarage, 327 Durham Road. Gateshead, Tyne and Wear. September 9.

From Mr Michael De-la-Nov

Sir, Clearly writing with first-hand knowledge. Lord Runcie's former chaplain, the Bishop of St Germans, tells us that Lord Runcie understood his lengthy taped conversations with his biographer were intended for use as "background information and scene-setting".

How is any biographer worth his salt expected to make use of such explosive material, freely given, as background information"

There is no conceivable way he could have ignored the material presented to him on a plate.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL DE-LA-NOY, c/o Jacintha Alexander Associates, 47 Emperor's Gate, SW7. September 10.

### Hospitals and social services under financial strain

From Professor Dame Margaret Turner Warwick

Sir, Jeremy Laurance's report, "Hospitals warn of second-rate care" (September 2), that the NHS Executive propose to switch control of funds for specialist advice and treatment at tertiary centres from health authorities to local hospitals is disturbing.

Funding of local secondary-care hospitals through contracts with local authorities is already under extreme financial pressure and so-called "cost improvement" levies have, over the years, largely eliminated any potential surpluses. Current local hospital budgets are thus very unlikely to be able to cover the cost of more specialised treatments when these are not

The critical question, therefore, is whether sufficient additional funds will be transferred to local hospitals to cover the cost of referrals of patients to tertiary centres. If not, and if these costs have to come from the local hospitals existing budgets, there will be a very strong incentive for doctors at these hospitals not to seek more specialised help for their patients and for local hospital management not to allow it. Many patients may thus be denied the specialist expert advice and

treatments they need. The implications are even more fundamental, however. Tertiary NHS specialist centres do much more than

From the Chair of the Association of County Councils and the Chief Executive of Mencap

Sir, We are now approaching the allimportant negotiations over the public-spending round. We fear that, once again, community care services will be severely under-funded.

an assumption that all local authority social services departments, regardless of local circumstances, will raise a proportion of their income by charging disabled and older people for care

the Board of Governors of the Interna-

tional Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the British Government is expected to

break ranks with the Americans (con-

trary to the unique support offered

this week over the bombing of Iraq)

and support IAEA proposals to reduce

the stringent safety standards applied

to the air shipment of plutonium. This

will make the return of plutonium to

I cannot see how the Foreign Secret-

ary and Foreign Minister Yukihiko

Ikeda can reconcile the expansion of

commerce in plutonium at the same

time as they are backing tougher ex-

port control policies to counter proli-

Japan cheaper, but more hazardous.

provide a high-quality and cost-effectservices like home helps, assistance with bathing and dressing, and ive service for patients with complex conditions: because of their specialattendance at day centres. ised facilities and experience, they also At the same time the Government make a very important contribution to states that local authorities have the the research and development upon which medical advances depend and upon which the NHS itself in-

creasingly depends — and they play a significant role in the training of both generalist and specialist doctors. If funding for these centres fails, either for direct or indirect reasons, patients of both today and tomorrow will suffer.

Yours sincerely, MARGARET TURNER WARWICK President, Royal College of Physicians, 1989-92). Pynes House. Thorverton, Exeter, Devon.

Currently, the Government makes

discretion to decide whether to charge for these services. Latest figures (1993-94) show 10 per cent of gross expendi-ture on personal social services was

recouped by fees and charges. We take exception to this. When such assumptions are made local authorities have no discretion: they are, in effect, forced to charge. Most disabled and older people rely on state benefits. They are now paying

twice, through payment of council tax

and service charges for services which

they desperately need, and there is increasing evidence of hardship. The Coalition on Charging, made up of 24 charities and local authority associations, believes that national government should fund local government, in full recognition of jointly shared aspirations for community care, and that the requirement that income is raised through charges

should be removed. JACK BURY, Chair, Association of County Councils. FRED HEDDELL, Chief Executive, Mencap, Coalition on Charging, 123 Golden Lane, ECI.

### Plutonium trade

From Mr Llew Smith, MP for

Blaenau Gwent (Labour) Sir, I was interested to read your Diplomatic Editor's report (September 3) on a new bilateral pact signed with Ja-

pan by the Foreign Secretary during his visit to the Far East. The Anglo-Japanese "Action Agenda for a Special Partnership" commits both Governments, inter alia, to increasing co-operation on proliferation concerns, including export control policies. This is to be applauded, except that both Governments are also active supporters of nuclear commerce be-

tween the countries, including in weapons-usable plutonium, based on major Japanese contracts with the BNFL reprocessing plant at Sellafield. At a meeting this week in Vienna of

### Wardour Castle

of Ewell, QC

Sir, In your article on the restoration of Wardour Castle, "Restoration drama" (Property, August 31), you quote Mr Tuersley, the developer, as saying that his plans to build new houses in

The Dower House, my principal objection to the developer's plans, was not "provided for" in my lease in its finalised form. Indeed, the present siting was only decided upon by the developer many months after I had

You state that English Heritage is "broadly" in favour of the plans. So they are, but not of the Dower House, whose site and scale and impact on the historic landscape and building

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### September 9.

From Lord Rawlinson

the grounds "were fully provided for in Lord Rawlinson's lease".

entered into occupation.

Yours faithfully. RAWLINSON, Wardour Castle, Nr Tisbury, Wiltshire. September 3.

### Celibacy of priests

LLEW SMITH,

House of Commons.

From the Chairman of the National Conference of Priests

of England and Wales Sir, I must take issue with your report today on the current meeting of the National Conference of Priests in Bir-

We have gathered to explore ways of exercising our ministry more effectively. And so we examine problem areas. But we have not said that morale among priests is low; rather we have studied issues like overwork and the scarcity of priests which can dam-

age morale. Individual priests may have identified former Anglican married clergy who are to be ordained within our Catholic tradition as a cause of low morale, but the conference has not done so. On the contrary, the group discussing celibacy affirmed: "We welcome the recent admission of married men to the priesthood and the experience they bring". And it asked for further reflection on the "implications for mandatory celibacy at having both married and celibate priests".

Yours sincerely, RODERICK STRANGE, Chairman, National Conference of Priests of England and Wales, As from: English Martyrs Presbytery, St Georges Road, Wallasey, Wirral. September 5.

### Lollipops at work

September 10.

From Mrs Carol Hill Sir. A "left-of-centre think tank" suggests (report, early editions, September 2) that persistent car thieves should have to perform the duties of

school crossing patrol officers (lollipop ladies/men). I am a lollipop lady and mother of two and I care about the children who use my crossing to get to school. They trust me to keep them safe. Would their parents have confidence in a

teenage joyrider, say, doing the job as a punishment? Public car-washing, perhaps with wet sponges for victims to throw, would be a more fitting solution.

Middleleaze, Swindon. Wiltshire September 2.

Yours faithfully,

I Pearl Road.

C. HILL

From Mr M. Larkin Sir. As a retired science teacher who has just launched himself on a new career as a lollipop-man, I was intrigued to see that my local authority contract states that I will be paid at the rate of £3.97667 per hour - a commendable degree of precision in a contractual agreement, of plus or minus

From Mr Keith Chambers

arily". Yours faithfully,

KEITH CHAMBERS, 19 Hill Road. September 9.

### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BALMORAL CASTLE September 10: The Queen was represented by the Lady Farnham (Lady of the Bedchamber) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Lady Fitzpatrick which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today. The Duke of Edinburgh was

represented by Lieutenant Colonel Conway Seymour. The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenant-General the

Hon Sir William Rous. BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 10: The Princess Royal. Patron, this morning attended the launch of Victim Support's report on Children in Court at Church House, Dean's Yard. Westminster. London SWI.

Her Royal Highness, President. Save the Children Fund. this

Today's royal

engagements

afternoon visited Asprey's design studio and workshop at 165-169

The Princess Royal later at-tended the National Osteoporosis

Society's launch of the booklet, "Fit

but Fragile?". at the Royal Society of Medicine, I Wimpole Street,

Her Royal Highness, President.

Royal Yachting Association, this

evening attended the Central

Management Committee Dinner

at the Royal Tharnes Yacht Club,

60 Knightsbridge, London SWI.

eptember 10: The Duchess of

Gloucester this afternoon attended

a Service to mark the Bicentenary of the Birth of William Marsden,

the founder of the Royal Free

Hospital, at St Andrew's Church, Holborn, London EC4.

KENSINGTON PALACE

New Bond Street, London WI.

Birthdays today Professor Norman Ashton, FRS, pathologist, 83: Mr Franz Beckenbauer, football manager, 51: Sir Austin Bide, former chair-The Princess Royal, as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will man, Glaxo Holdings. 81: Dame Margaret Booth, former High Court Judge, 63; Mr Paul Cole, works, Cross Flatts Primary School, Tempest Road, Leeds, at II.10: will open the Cross Flans Youth and Community Devracehorse trainer, 55: Mr Brian De Palma, film director, 51: Mrs Mary elopment Centre, Cross Plans Park, Harlech Road, at 11.45; as Fagan, Lord Lieutenant of Hamp President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will architect, 77: Mr "Eddie" George, Governor, Bank of England, 58: open Baird Menswear Brands, Granary Building, I Canal Wharf, at 12.35; will visit The Pennine Lord Gibson-Wart, 78, Mr William Knight, senior partner, Simmons and Simmons, 51: Mr Michael Bowling Club for the Visually Lambert, racehorse trainer, 52: Mr Handicapped at Wellholme Park. Richard Linley, jockey, 42: Lord Marlesford, 65; Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, Secretary of State Brighouse, West Yorkshire, at 200; and, as Past President of the for Northern Ireland, 67; Mr Andrew Rowe, MP. 61; Mr Barry will attend the joint meeting with the Royal Aeronautical Society Sheene, motorcycling champion, 46; the Right Rev John Taylor, former Bishop of Winchester, 82:

### Mr Roger Utiley, rugby player and teacher, 47.

Appointment Dr Brian Ayers to be Medical Director of Guy's and St Thomas'

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The Duke of Gloucester will open

the new buildings at the Essex and

Suffolk Water Company's treat-ment works, South Hanningfield,

at 10.55; and will visit the pre-

preparatory school at Brentwood

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### **Dinners** HM Government

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Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, QC. Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, was the host at a dinner given last night by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Hidenao Nakagawa, the Minister of State for Science and Technology of Japan. Air Force Board

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, presided at a dinner given last

night at RAF Bentley Priory by the Air Force Board Standing Committee and their ladies to mark the Second Permanent Under-Secretary, Ministry of Defence, and English-Speaking Union The Lord-Lieutenant of North

Yorkshire and Lady Worsley were present at a dinner of the English Speaking Union held last night at the Majestic Hotel Harrogate, to mark the opening of the ESU World Members Conference. The Hon Douglas Hurd, CH, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker. Baroness Brigstocke, chairman of the union, presided and the Hon Crispin Money-Courts also

DEATHS

### Memorial service

Lady (Desmond) Fitzpatrick The Queen, was represente The Queen was represented by Lady Farnham and the Duke of Edinburgh by Lieutenant-Colonel Conway Seymour at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady (Desmond) Fitzpatrick held yes-terday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Prince of Wales was repre-

ented by Lieutenant-General the Hon Sir William Rous and the Grand Duke of Luxembourg by Brigadier Christopher Wolverson. The Rev Leslie Bryan officiated. Mr Brian Fitzpatrick, son, read the lesson and Canon J.G.M.W. Murphy gave an address. The Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk was represented by Captain R.J. Sheep-

shanks. Among others present WETE: General Sir Desmond Fitzparick flusband, Mr and Mrs Stewart Whitington (son-in-law and daughier); Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalari Howard (Colonel, Life Guards), Field Marshal Lord and Lady Hanmer.

Lady Carver. Str John and Lady Hanmer. Str Thomas and Lady Pearson. General Str Brian and Lady Renny. General Str Cacil Blacker. General Str Roben Ford. General Str Richard and the Hon Lady Worsley. Air Chief Marshal Str Nell Wheeler, Lieutenant-General Str James and Lady Balrd. Lieutenant-General Str James and Lady Balrd. Lieutenant-General Str James and Lady Editary and Lady Victors, Major-General Str James and Lady Eyre. Major-General Str James and Lady Eyre. Major-General Str James and Lady Eyre. Major-General Str James James Mona Milchell.

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Mrs Richard Carr, Mrs Rose Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mr and Mrs John Spenter, Mr M Waterhouse, Mrs Roger Paul, Mr and Mrs Robert Leigh-Wood, Dr Timothy Cutiner, Mr Humphrey Swire, Mr Colin Chisholm, Mrs A Fortescue, Major E Caivert, Major G V Woyka, Major Mr R Brown, Captalin M A Harding, WOZ V P Maher. WOZ T Mardon, WOZ L Alkinson and many other triends.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Downes was christened Jamie Andrew John by the Rev Patrick Forbes, assisted by the Rev Nicholas Champain, at St Thomas of Canterbury, Northaw, on Sun-day, September 8, 1996. The godparents are Mr Nicholas Downes, Miss Karen Hughes and Mr and Mrs Rod Mebourn-Hubbard.

### Reception HM Government

Mr Ian Taylor, Minister for Sci-ence and Technology, was the host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House to mark the 1996 General Assembly of the International Organization for Standardization.

### Lecture

Wellington Society
Dr Jeffrey Rosenberg delivered a lecture to the Wellington Society yesterday at the Wellington Hos-pital. Dr Arthur Levin, chairman,

### Anniversaries BIKTHS: Henri de la Tour

1958-64, Moscow, 1971.

d'Auvergne, Vicomte de Turenne. Marshal of France, Sedan, 1611; Thomas Barnes, Editor of The Times 1817-41. London, 1785; D.H. Lawrence, novelist, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, 1885. DEATHS: Mohammed Ali Jinnah, 1st Governor-General of Paki-stan 1947-48, Karachi, 1948; Nikita Khrushchev, Premier of the USSR



yesterday. Dr Kelly, a single parent from Maryhill, Glasgow, won the Good Housekeeping magazine award for her ability to combine a demanding career with a fulfilling family and personal life. Completely financing herself for two years of her five-year course, she had to work as a nurse at nights. She also spent many hours looking after her disabled wheelchair-bound sister.

### 'Traffic lights' speed pipers on their way

THE Eden Court Theatre in inverness is in many ways the envy of other piping events, since all the competitions can be held under one roof and tuning facilities are near to where the performer will play (Angus Nicol writes). But even so, many competitors, at the highest and lowest levels, spend quite some time tuning their pipes out of tune and then bringing them slowly back, not always quite accurately, into tune. At Inverness, controlled by a system of angrily warning orange and red lights. tuning is strictly limited to five minutes. This can shorten a competition by an hour or two.

The first day of the Northern Meeting piping competitions begins with the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal, first presented, in succession to the Prize Pipe, in 1887. There was a capacity entry of 30, though one senior competitor, a not unlikely winner. decided not to attend. It was noticeable that there were one or two competitors whose performance was not quite up to what is expected at Gold Medal level. However, there were other tunes

that were worth listening to. Sergeant Wilson Brown won the Gold Medal, playing the nameless its first bar is Hiharin dro o dro. Whether The Old Men of the Shells (or Bodaich dhubha nan Slige) refers to the copious use of scallon shells as drinking vessels. or to a battle at Sligeachan, is not known. It is a well-known classic. and was played by Pipe-Major Brian Donaldson, Scots Guards. to win second prize.

Donald MacBride, playing the

Lament for Captain MacDougall, came third. Maol Donn, or MacCrimmon's Sweethears, brought the fourth prize to Niall Matheson. In fifth place, John Angus Smith gave a beautiful performance of Isabel MacKay.

DEATHS

MODDER - William Charles. On September 8th, peacefully at Elastree Manor following some months of failing health, Rill, Intely of Radiett. Will be sadly missed by his wide family, aspecially ly; Funeral Service on Monday September 16th at 10.45 cm at St John's Church, Radiett, followed by cremation at Garston. No flowers but donations in his memory to the Classic FM Appeal for Music Therapy clo C. Nethercott & Son, 20 Aldenham Road, Radlett, Herts. WUT SAL

HOPE - Trenton 'George' William passed away yeacafully on 3rd September 1996, aged 43. The funeral service will be held at The Fark Crematorium, Guildford Road, Aldershot, Hants on Thursday 12th September at 1.30 pm. Cut flowers or Donations (The British Heart Foundation) clo A & Wooddard, Kent Road, Fleet, Hents GUI3 9AR. George now guides a leving wife Anhar and his three children Michelle, Mark and Justine. Brothers Donasa and Michael, sisterin-law Karen, Matthew and Francesca.

though on a pipe perhaps not quite man enough for the job.

The set tunes for the Silver

Medal were, as always, the same as at Oban. John Patrick took the Silver Medal, thereby qualifying to enter for the Gold Medal. He played Grain in Hides and Corn in Sacks. Gilleasbuig Gruamach (Archibald the Grim), eighth Earl of Argyll, was created first and only Marquis of Argyll in 1641, only to lose his head in 1661 for treason. The Marquis of Argyll's Salute was probably composed between 1641 and 1650. Niall Stewart played this tune for second place. Douglas Murray came third, with Melbank's Salute. A rarely heard tune, All the Old

prize. Alian MacColl took fifth prize with MacKinnon's Lamens. The March competitions, both A and B grade, take place on the first day. There were 45 entries for the A grade, so a short leet of 10 played for the prizes. Scott Drummond won first prize. In the B grade, Paul Ritchie was the winner. France.

The first day ended with the March, Strathspey and Reel for former winners, as always to a full house. The winner was Pipe-Major making his only appearance at Inverness this year.

Men Paid Rent but Rory, was played by Andrew Hayes for fourth

Highland Society of Londours Gold Medal: 1 Sgt Wilson Brown; 2 PIM Brian Donaldson; 3 Donald MacBride; 4 Niall Matheson; 5 John Angus Smith. Judges: Malcolm MacRae, PIM Ronald 4 Main Maineson: 5 John Angus Sprint. Judges: Malcolin MacRae. P/M Ronald Lawite. Arigus J MacLellan.
Silver Medal: 1 John Patrick: 2 Niali Stewart: 3 Douglas Murray: 4 Andrew Hayes: 5 Allan MacColl. Judges: James Young, Dr Jack Taylor, Alan Forbes. March A: 1 Scott Drummond: 2 John Patrick; 3 Allan Russell; 4 Gavin Walker. March B: 1 Paul Ritchle: 2 Andrew Hayes; 3 William Ceddes: 4 Andrew Marhieson. Judges: Waller Drysdale, P/M John Stewart. P/M Andrew Veniers. veniers.

March. Strathspey and Reel: 1 P/M.
Alasdair Gillies; 2 Roderick MacLeod: 3
Sgt. Gordon. Walker. 4 William
MacCallum. Judges: Kenneth
MacDonald, Captain Gavin Stoddart,
P/M Angus MacDonald.

### Forthcoming marriages

ADRIAN BROOKS

Mr G.E. Andreae and Miss V.J. Clive The engagement is announced between Giles, son of the late Mr John Andreae and Mrs Andreae, of Sandbanks, Dorset, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Clive, of Ewelme,

Mr P. Anscombe and Miss K.L. McKenzie The engagement is announced between Paul, son of the late Mr Edward Anscombe and of Mrs Joyce Anscombe, of Wadhurst, East Sussex, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon McKenzie,

of Boars Head. East Sussex.

Mr A.R.J. Barnett and Ms S.J. Hart The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.R.J. Barnett, of Fareham, Hampshire, and Sara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Dowell, of Melksham, Wiltshire. Mr D. Bloom

and Miss S. Todhumer The engagement is announced between David. only son of Mr and Mrs Leon Bloom, of Melbourne, Australia, and Samantha, elder daughter of Mr Jonathan Todhumer, of Somerset, and Mrs Anne Todhunter, of Sydney. Australia.

Mr N.B. Holliday and Miss C.I.R. Stephens

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Dr and Mrs Michael Holliday, of Canter-bury, Kent. and Cecely, daughter of Dr Brian Stephens, of Shrews-bury. Shropshire, and of the late Mrs Cynthia Stephens.

Mr P.W. Naim and Miss S.K. Pomphrey The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Bill Naim, of Melbourne Australia and Susannah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael

Pomphrey, of Felsted, Essex.

### Marriages

Mr D. Glazebrook and Miss R. Bowes Lyon The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 7, at All Saints' Church, St Paul's Walden, of Mr David Glazebrook, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ben Glazebrook, and Miss Rosie Bowes Lyon, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Bowes Lyon. The Rev Or Alan Winton officiated. The bride, who was given away

by her father, was attended by four pages. William Dalrymple, the Hon Geordie Bowes Lyon, Hughie Pike and Andrew Pike. Mr Robert Diggle was best man. A reception was held at St Paul's Walden Bury, home of the bride, and the honeymoon is being spent

Mr N.P. Hoare and Miss M-LA. Hamill-Stewart The marriage took place on Sat-urday, August 31, 1996, at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place. London, of Mr Nicholas Hoare, son of the late Mr C.S. Hoare and of Mrs I.P. Hoare, of Medstead, Hampshire to Miss Mary-Louise Hamill-Siewart, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hamill-Stewart, of Mougins,

### Major D.A.G. Madden and Miss P.J. Rogers

urday, August 31, at the Church of St Martha-on-the-Hill, Surrey, of Major David Madden. son of Mr and Mrs Brian Madden, of Chilthorne Domer, Somerset, and Miss Penelope Rogers, daughter of Dr and Mrs John Rogers, of Canterbury, Kent. The Rev Jeremy Collingwood officiated, assisted by the Rev Ronald La Marche. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by

Rose Grewe, Benjamin Smith and Miss Emma Webster. Mr Robin Murray Brown was best man. A reception was held at Chilworth Manor and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

### School news

Arnold School, Blackpool The Autumn Term commenced on Tuesday, September 3, and will end on Thursday. December 19. Edmund Jack is Head Boy and also Captain of the 1st XV and Claire Whitehead is the Head Girl Senior Prefect Sarah Parr is Captain of the Hockey Ist XI. Mr Colin F.D. White succeeds Mr Peter Bentley as Senior Master and Miss Andrea De Miranda is the new Head of Girls PE and Games. Speech Day will be held on Thursday. September 19, with Sir Roger Tomkys, KCMG, DL, Masier of Pembroke College, Cambridge as a Guest of Honour. The Sixth Form Geography Field-course to the Cevennes will take place at half term (October 20 to November 3); the Autumn Term Dinner Dance on November 8: the School Concert on November 14: the Open Evening for 11 - Entrants on November 18: the CCF Regimental Dinner on November 23: the John Oram Law Society Dinner on November 29; the Old Arnoldian Dinner on December 7 in the School Memorial Hall: the Senior School play on December 12, 13, 14. The Junior School Carol Service takes place on December 17 and term ends with the Senior School Carol Service on December 19. The Sixth Form Christmas Ball will be held at the Imperial Hotel on December 20.

The Arnold London Dinner will take place at the House of Commons on Thursday, October 17, when the Guest of Honour will be the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Mr M. Jack, MP. Former pupils wishing to attend should contact the Headmaster. Mr W.T. Gillen at Arnold School. Arnold School, Blackpool is a registered charity which exists for the education of children. Charity

Term began at Blundell's on September 4 when 176 new pupils joined the School, bringing the roll to a total of 440. Mr David Jewell (OB), Chairman of the Governors. opened the Junior Department, which accommodates 11-13 year old boys and girls in School House. Mr and Mrs Peter Lanfear have retired from being House Parents of School House and have been succeeded by Mr and Mrs John Brigden as Heads of the Junior Department. There will be an Open Morning for prospective parents of all ages at 10.00am on Saturday, September 14. The Sixth Form Scholarship examinations are on November 18 and 19, whils further awards at 11+ and 13+ and in Music, Art and CDT will be available in February and March of 1997. The School Play is Tony Harrison's Mysteries on November 25-30, whilst School House's first dramatic production will be a musical, Kindred Spirits, on December 9 and 10. The School Concert is on December 7 and the annual visit of the Allegri String Quartet is on November 23. The Heads of School are Harriet Chubb (NC) and Alex Gordon (P).

The Cheltenham Ladies' College Term begins today at The Chelten-ham Ladies' College with an address in Opening Prayers by the new Principal, Mrs Vicky Tuck. Half term is from 5.00pm on November 3 (inclusive). Samantha Skinner is Senior Prefect and Second Head of College is Ruth Caulkin. The College Service will take place at 10.00am on Sunday, September 15. The preacher will be Professor Russell Stannard. On Friday, October 11, and Saturday, October 12, The Cheltenham Ladies' College will host The Star Fair, in aid of the National Star Centre and The College Bursaries Fund. A Grand Reception (ticket only) will be held on the Friday evening, including a preview of around 50 gift stalls. On Saturday, October 12, everyone is welcome to visit The Star Fair, which includes

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a unique exhibition of College archive material and linerary events in celebration of the Chelienham Festival of Literature 1996. The European Theatre Company will give a performance of the German play Die Physiker by Dürrenmatt, on Monday, October 14. starting at 7.30pm. The College Choir will be competing in the Semi Final of Sainsbury's Choir of the Year Competition at Buxton Opera House on Sanurday, November 23. The Final will take place on Sunday, November 24, at place on Sanday. Note the PA, at the same venue. There will be a Combined Concert with Chelenham College and Si Edward's performing Mozart's Requiem at Cheltenham College Chapel on Cheltenham Cheltenham College Chapel on Cheltenham College Chapel on Cheltenham Cheltenham Cheltenham College Chapel on Cheltenham College Chapel on Cheltenham Cheltenham College Chapel on Cheltenham Cheltenham Cheltenham College Chapel on Cheltenham Che Friday, November 29, at 7.30pm. The Christmas Concert will take place on Friday, December 13, in the Princess Hall at 7.30pm. Term

Ellesmere College Michaelmas term at Ellesmere College began on September 8 The school is co-educational throughout the 9-18 age range for the tirst time. Mr and Mrs Martin Clewlow become Houseman and Housemistress of the nent-opened Middle School Girls House, St Aidan's, Claire Lamput and Andrew Quentin are Captains of School. Harry Murphy is Captain of Rugby and Olivia Russell is Captain of Girls' Hockey. Mr Andrew Corish, Mr Peter Hayes, Mrs Mary Smith and Mr Fred Williams join the teaching staff. The Installation of the new Head-master, Mr Brendan Wignall, will take place at the College on September 20. Old Ellesmerians wishing to attend dinners in Manchester (October 18), London (November 6) or S Wales (November 29) should contact the school

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Mill Hill School Foundation Term starts today with more than 1,000 pupils in the Foundation including the first intake of girls at 11+ at Belmont. Miss Julie Gordon and Mr Michael Miller join Mill Hill School as Head of German and Drama respectively. The Senior Monitor is Marc Dweck and the Captain of Rugby Adrian Flavin. Foundation Day will be on Saturday, September 28, when the ernors, Dame Angela Rumbold, will introduce the Guest of Honour, Professor David Dilks, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hull. Mrs Pauline Green, MEP, will give the European Lecture on November 13. The School will host rugby and netball teams from Perth College and Newington School, Sydney, in December. The School Play will be on December December 17. Term ends on December 18.

Pangbourne College The Michaelmas Term started at Pangbourne College with its first

intake of girls after going fully co-educational on Thursday. September 5. The Chief Cadet Captain of the College is Alexander-Ross Kelly. An Open Day will be held on Saturday, October 5, from 9.30am-12.00pm. All friends of the College and Prospective families are welcome. Applications from external candidates for places and cholarships in the Six September 1997 should be made now to the Registrar, Pangbourne College, Reading, RG8 8LA, Tel 01734 842101. The first round of Junior Entry and Junior Scholarship Assessments will take place in November.

### Prior's Field School

Term started on Wednesday, September 4. Mikila Lawrence is Head Girl and Abigail George is Deputy. Term ends with the Carol Service in Charterhouse Chanel at 2.00pm on December II, followed by a Christmas Fair at School. Old Girls Day will be on September 2.

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BIRTHS

MEIKLEJOHN - On 9th September 1996, to Margaret (née MacKenzie) and Lain, a son, james Peter Kenneth, a brother for

MORROWGELLO - Emma Jo on Saptember 7th at The Fortland Hospital to Anne-Maxle and Tony. A gorgeous sister for Stephanie and Julia.

ROBERTSON - On Friday

September 6th, to Katherine (nee Newberty) and forensy a son, Samuel Oliver, : brother for Max.

### PERSONAL COLUMN

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### BIRTHS ALLEM - On September 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Meliasa and Shewn, a handsome first born son, Ayle. BEAMISH - On Angust 8th 1996, in the American British Cowdray Hospital, Merico City, to Antonia (see Cavanaga) and Adrian, a daughter, Mary-Rose Gusdalupe. daughter, Lucy Elizabeth Nancy. BOSCAWEN - On September 4th 1996, to Katharina (née Maley) and Evelyn, a son, Frederick Mark. COOPER - On September 6th at the Boyal Proc Hampsteed, to Liz (née Bowyer-Jones) and Colin, a daughter, Louise Parnell Tyas. Physical Colonia (1998) and Colin, a daughter, Louise Parnell Tyas. Physical Colonia (1998) and Colin, a daughter, Louise Parnell Tyas. HIDLAY - On September 9th to Caroline (new Pedersen) and Jamie, a son, Max Niels de Cardonnel. Chisnell) and Paul, a bequiful girl, a sister for rancy. GALLYOF - On 7th September 1996, to Rachel (née Hallmark) and Stuart, a son, Henry Joues HUNT - On September 7th 1996, to Belinda (née Murry Brown) and Miles, a daughter, Susannah Jane. KASI - On September 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Cold-Elle and Narriotz Kerl.

The Portland Hospital to Gabrielle and Narinder Kasi. a beautiful daughter, Lila

KENWAY-SPENCE - On 4th September at St Richard's, Chichestes, to Hannah and Charlie, a daughter, Jasmin

KRAIS - On 9th September, to Emma (néc Lindsay) and Ashloy, a son, Jake, a brother

SHAW - To Sammatha Watis and Leuroy Shaw on 26th August, a daughter, Cerlanns. VERSAVE, - On Sunday 8th September 1996, to Jane-Emma (née Roberts) and Pierre at Centre Hospitalies De Neullly-Sur-Seine, Paris, a beautiful daughter, Hélokse Pamela Agnés. DEATHS

AMGURA-Bha of Church Street, Great Missenden, Bucks, peacefully on September Sth at the Hospice of St Francis, Betkhamsted. Beloved wife of the late Norman and a much leved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden, on Friday 13th September at 3 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers by request but donations if wished to the Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted of Great Missenden Funeral Services, 106 Bigh Street, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 OBE.

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Sieweit - Monica, mother of Jamie and sister of Noel, Felicity and Michael, died on Sundey September 8th 1996 peacefully in her sleep. The funeral service will take place at the City of Norwich (Earlham) Crematorium on Friday September 13th at 1pm. Family flowers only please by 11 am, however, donations may be made if desired to The Friscilla Sacon Lodge and sent c/o Gordon Barber Funeral Home, 317 Ayisham Road, Norwich, NES ZAE. BORRESKOY - Countess Ciga peacefully on September 8th. Wife of the late Count Alexai Bobrinskoy, Funeral Service at 11 am on Friday 13th September, Russian Orthodox Church Ahrond, 57 Harvard Roed, Chiswick, W4, then to Mortlake Cemerary, Denations if desired to the Church, c/o Pather Vadim. BRAMSFIELD - Patrick Aloysius. Formerly of Raibriggan and Bexiev, lately of Saffron Walden. Died on 7th September 1996, aged 74 years. Devoted husband of liene and much loved father of Maurice and Stephanie. Funeral will take place at Our Lady of Compassion Rousan Catholic Chunch, Seffron Walden, at 11 am on Thrusday 12th September. All esquiries to the Funeral Directors, Russell D. Green, 66B High Street, Saffron Walden, CBIO 1EE, teh (01799) 513513. BRANSFIELD - Patrick BARRETT - Bunty, died in her sleep Monday 9th September on Aldernoy, Funeral Friday 13th September, St Annes, Alderney 2 pm. Donntions to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

DEATHS COBS - Elizabeth Mary formerly of Highgate,
London. Suddenly but
peacefully at home on
September 6th Dearly loved
mother of Clare and husband
lauses, grandmother of
Richard and Alexander and
tutor to several hundred
children over many years.
Funeral at Our Lady Help of
Caristians, Cresswell Park,
Blackheath, on September
16th at 11.30 am. Family
flowers only but donations
welcome to The Anyphylaris
Campaign, PO Box 149, Fleet,
Hampahire GUI3 9XU. BARTLETT - Peacefully on Monday, 9th September, Mary Bartlett, (previously GP at Wordsley). Francial Service at Wigginton Church, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, on Monday, 16th September at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations for Wigginton Church may be Wigginton Church may be sent c/o J&M Humphris. BATHURST - On 10th September, 1996, peacefully at Broadstains, in her 88th year, loan Ernestine Rose, dear wife of the late William Heary Bathurst, All enquities to Blackburns F.S. (01843) 862897. COTTINGHAM - On 7th September 1996, peacefully in Compton House Mussing Home, Lindfield, Sussex,

Home, Lindfield, Sussen, Home Margaret Lioyd aged 36. Much loved mother of Margaret Formani Service to be held on Monday 16th September at All Saints Church, Lindfield at 1 pm. Flowers or donations to Sight Savers may be sent clo Masters and Son, 4 Dammans Lene, Lindfield, West Sussex RHI6 2LB, (01444) 482107.

DARESBURY - On September 9th, peacefully in hospital, Edward, 3rd Baron Doresbury, aged 67. Private funeral Family flowers only. Memorial Services will be held at Trinity Church, Jessey on September 26th and 8t John's Church, Walton, Warrington on October 10th at 11.30 am. GRANT - John Richard.

GRANT - John Richard.
Peacefully on September 7th
beloved husband of Gill,
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David and Samh Much loved
Grandfather of Tom, Louisz,
Joshua and Bamaby, Private
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HOPKIN - On September 7th peacefully, Tom, beloved heshand of loan, much loved uncle and friend to many. Will be sadly missed. Funeral Service at The Surrey and Sussex Grematorium, Worth, oh Monday September 16th at 12 noon. Funity flowers only but donations if desired for Newtimber Ward, Princess Royal Rospital, may be sent to J & R Matthews, 1 Old Talbot House, High Street, Cuckfield, West Sussex, RH17 5 JK, tel: (01444) 441515. MINTLEY - Ernest Frederick Syn Ldr RAF (ret'd) aged 64 at home on 4th September. Funeral at St Christopher's Church, RAF. Beize Norten, on 12th September at 2 pra-Family flowers but if desired, donations to the Cancer Hospice, Sir Michael Sobell House, Headington, Oxford. MARRIS - On Friday September 6th 1976, peacefully at home. Sir Anthony Kyrie Tarves Hards, Bt. Fumeral Service Christ Church, Christ Church Street, Cashea, 11 zm Monday 16th September 1976. All engulities to LE. Kenyon, tek (0171) 937-0757.

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### **OBITUARIES**

### HARALD PENROSE

Harald Penrose, OBE. civil test pilot died on August 31 aged 92. He was born on April 12,

uring his 23 years as chief test pilot for Westland. Harald Penrose flew the company's aircraft from the era of biplanes until the company became Britain's only helicopter manufacturer in the postwar period. Thereafter he concentrated his energies on Westland's sales operations worldwide. Over the years. Penrose flew more than 400 different types of aircraft - fighters, bombers, transports, seaplanes, autogiros and helicopters.

Although born in Reading, Harald Penrose was descended from the Penroses of Portleven, Cornwall. He first took to the air at the age of II beneath one of Samuel Cody's man-lifting kites. This fired him with an urge to fly which was further stimulated by a joyride in an Avro 504K war surplus biplane with the pioneer Sir Alan Cobham. By then he had started writing and sailing in his spare time and had designed and built his own glider.

Later he graduated in aeronautical engineering from Northampton Engineering College. After six months as a student aerodynamicist at Handley Page, in 1925 Penrose joined Westland Aircraft Works at Yeovil and was involved in work on the Wapiti military biplane and the revolutionary tailless Pterodactyl.

In 1927 he joined the Royal Air Force Reserve and learnt to fly. In 1928, as the manager of Westland's civil aircraft department, he was responsible for the demonstration, sales and delivery of the Widgeon, the two-seat light biplane which was the Westland equivalent of the popular DH Moth of the late 1920s.

When, in April 1931, a British Empire Exhibition was mounted in Buenos Aires, Penrose demonstrated a Wapiti to the South American market as both a land and floatplane.

On his return he was promoted to succeed Westland's chief test pilot, Louis Paget, who had been seriously injured in a flying accident.



career as one of Britain's leading civil test pilots. Throughout 25 years he forged a link between the days of "seat of the pants" flying without radio or modern aids - and the era of jet aircraft and sophisticated avionics.

In 1932 he was given the task of testing two special - but still open cockpit - Westland biplanes, which were to make the first attempt to fly over Mount Everest. In 1933 Penrose climbed both aircraft to more than 38,000 feet over Poole Bay.

Thanks to these tests, in April 1933 both aircraft were successfully flown over Everest by David MacIntyre and freturning with a series of remarkable photographs of the peak. A year later Penrose set a world height record for a diesel-engine aircraft when he flew a Wapiti to 27.453 feet.

Penrose survived many hair-raising accidents over the next few years. In 1934 a prototype Westland PV-7 torpedo-bomber monoplane broke up in the air during a terminal velocity dive. After a desperate struggle to extricate himself. Penrose left the wingless tumbling fuselage by parachute while the wreckage spread itself over an area of more than seven square miles. Later, just before the war, he was involved in testing the prototype Westland Whirlmulti-blade, contra-rotating airscrew and two untried turbine engines.

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Early in 1945 Penrose visited the new Experimental Heli-copier Test Establishment at Beaulieu, then exploring the possibilities of the American Sikorsky R-4B two-seater. Six months later. Westland acquired British manufacturing rights for the Sikorsky S51. Penrose flew the helicopter himself before engaging Alan Bristow (later to be the founder of Bristow Helicopters) as chief pilot (Helicopters)

at Westland. In 1953 Penrose transferred from test flying to become Westland's sales manager worldwide, a job which involved him with successive Westland-Sikorsky helicophelicopters. For relaxation, he bought a little 38hp Currie Wot singleseat biplane. "Aerymouse", his companion for the next ten

In 1960, with the different branches of the aircraft industry undergoing an "urge to merge", Westland acquired the helicopter interests of the Bristol, Fairey and Saunders Roe companies together with Saro hovercraft. Penrose combined their marketing throughout the world with the design of a series of small vachts and motor vessels.

Penrose retired from Westland at the end of 1966 but still flew for fun and indulged in his hobbies of designing and building small boats and a small high performance sailplane. He sailed well into his eighties. His last book was his autobiography Adventure with Fate.

Between 1966 and 1980. Penrose had completed a fivevolume history of British aviation, its products, its people and its problems. This work, which covered the 36 years from 1903 to 1939 (written largely from the weekly contemporary accounts in The Aeroplane and Flight and garnished with first-hand experience), will remain the definitive story of those pioneer

years of a new industry. through major test-flying haz-ards, including the difficult flight testing of the Wyvern He followed it in 1980 with a meticulously researched history of British air transport from 1918 to 1979. Wings Across The World.

Penrose married in 1929. His wife Norma died in 1986. Their son and daughter sur-

### DIMMIE FLEMING

Dimmic Fleming, bridge player, died on September 5 aged 85. She was born on October 27.

IN THE summer of 1953 Dimmie Fleming became the first woman bridge player to represent Britain in an open team event. She was always to remember the match. Restless with nerves the night before. she dreamt that her partner, Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, bid a grand slam on the first hand. The actual chances of doing this would have been extreme ly slight. But the next day, when they sat down to play Swinnerton-Dyer did indeed on his opening hand bid to a grand slam in clubs and. furthermore, made it. But, in apprehensive error perhaps, he had inadvertently dealt the hand in an anti-clockwise direction and he and Dimmie were replaced by their dis-

gruntled team captain. Nonetheless, Dimmie Fleming's skill at bridge was undoubted. She was a grandmaster of the game. Partnering Fritzi Gordon, she was part of the winning British team in European championships held in Dublin in 1951, in Venice in 1952 and in Palermo in 1959. In 1964 she won the gold medal in world championships held in New York. She also won a host of national competitions, many of them time and time again, including the Gold Cup. Crockfords, the Portland Cup and the

Whitelaw Cup. The Fleming board card-holding device used in bridge matches so that competitors can play duplicate hands — was invented by and named after Dimmie Fleming. ·Dimmie Fleming was born

Phyllis Irene Hill in Tunbridge Wells. As the daughter of the headmaster of Eversley Boys Preparatory School she was first educated at her father's school where she was nicknamed "Jimmy" by her male classmates. It was there,

Vagn Holmboe,

Danish composer, died

on September I in



among the boys, that she first experimented with smoking, a habit she was never to adopt. and learnt to play auction bridge, a game which was to become a passion.

At the age of nine, however,

she was sent to a girls' school. There her closest schoolfriend. later to become her regular bridge partner, changed her nickname to "Dimmie". This was the name which was to stick for the rest of her life, though it was in no way intended to reflect her academic abilities. She excelled in her schoolwork and was offered a place at Cambridge University at the age of lo. Too young to go up, she briefly attended secretarial college before finding a job in a stockbroking firm. In the end she never got around to attending university.

For several years Dimmie forgot about bridge and it was not until she was 19 and recovering from an appendix operation that her interest was reawakened by a fellow patient. But once her enthusiasm had been re-aroused she took up tournament bridge seriously. marrying in 1934 Arthur Fleming. a West Kent bridge player 19 years her senior, and forming a strong ·bridge playing partnership with her former classmate Dorothy Pearson. Together. just before the outbreak of

war, they represented Britain in the European Ladies Championship in the Hague where they came away with the silver medal. In 1948 they repeated their performance and during the 1950s Dimmie was three times part of the winning British team.

For almost 20 years, from 1955 to 1974, Dimmie was secretary to the English Bridge Union and from 1977 onwards she was vice-president. She also reported bridge news for The Times.

In 1953 she was selected for the British open team in partnership with Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, who was later to become Master of St Catherine's College. Cambridge. In 1972 Dimmie Fleming formed a new bridge partnership with Vida Bingham, a friend with whom she also shared an interest in National Hunt racing. They were often to be found together at Plumpion or Cheltenham.

Their last appearance together in the English women's bridge team was in 1981. But after Dimmie's husband died in 1980, she and Vida ran a bridge stationery business and when Dimmie's eyesight and memory began to fail in the mid-1980s, she moved in with her friend in a house in East Sussex.

Dimmie Fleming is survived by a daughter.

### **DAVID GRESHAM**

David Gresham, MBE, former director of personnel for British Petroleum, died on August 15 aged 71. He was born on November 18. 1924.

DAVID GRESHAM enjoyed a successful career with British Petroleum, rising from clerical assistant to managing director of the tanker division and then director of personnel. But, retiring early, because of ill-health, he will perhaps be best remembered for his work as the founder of the Abbeyfield North Downs Extra Care Society, an organisation for the elderly and frail in need of 24-hour nursing.

The first intimation of David Foster Gresham's guiding principle - that a caring attitude for others is essential for social stability - manifested itself during his Army service as a young officer in the Royal Signals in 1943. His service in France and Belgium culminated in open-

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ing up communications in the newly-liberated Antwerp. which was to become an important port of supply for the Allied forces. Gresham lost several of his men in repeated rocket attacks upon the port.

Demobilised in 1947, Gresham embarked on a degree course at Southampton Univ-ersity but failed to finish it. Six years away from academic studies had taken their toll. Instead, realising the importance of oil as a commodity in the postwar world, he obtained a job as a clerical assistant in what was then the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, now known as British Petroleurn. His abilities were quickly recognised and he soon rose through the ranks.

wind twin-engine fighter,

which was intended as a long

range escort, intruder and

fighter-bomber. But the Whirl-

wind was not a success and

was withdrawn from service

in 1941 after only a few RAF

squadrons had been equipped

with it. Penrose also test-flew

the much larger, but no more

successful, pressurised Welkin

naval strike-fighter. Penrose

made its initial test flight and

continued through its develop-

ment - a flying programme

which killed six pilots through

the problems of a comple

Penrose's good luck held

high-altitude fighter.

In 1967 Gresham was entrusted with ensuring that BP customers all over the world were kept supplied with oil. even though the Suez Canal was closed and tankers then had to make a long journey around the Cape. Gresham worked more than 18 hours a

day at this time, but his efforts and efficiency were recognised and in 1972 he was appointed managing director of BP Tankers.

At that time he knew little of maritime matters. Getting to know individuals at all levels of BP's maritime arm, he sought their advice as well as taking several voyages on tankers in an attempt to understand where problems might lie.

He was promoted again in 1975 to be director of personnel for the entire BP Group. But three years later he suffered a heart attack and opted for early retirement.

His managerial skills, however, were not to be wasted. Gresham joined the Abbeyfield movement, committed to the care of the elderly. He became chairman of the Abbeyfield home in Oxted. But it was with those who needed extra care that he came to concern himself.

Despite the onset of Parkinson's disease in 1980, Gresham set up the North Downs Extra Care Society with the objective of building a 22-bed house for the frail and elderly who needed assistance at all times of day. This house has now been in existence for ten years and is named after David Gresham. In 1995 he was appointed MBE.

Gresham's wife, Millie, worked alongside him at the North Downs home. He is survived by her and by two **VAGN HOLMBOE** transparent textures. From the 1950s onwards he began to develop the distinctive technique he described as meta-

Ramiose aged 86. He was born on December 20, 1909. VAGN HOLMBOE was the most significant Danish composer in the generation after Nielsen. A quiet, unpreten-

tious and rather ascetic man. he composed prolifically, writing more than 350 works. among them 13 numbered symphonies, nearly 30 concertante works for one or more soloists, 21 numbered string quartets, two operas, a ballet and a plethora of vocal

His large-scale orchestral works establish him as a symphonist of international standing, while his contribution to the medium of the string quartet might almost stand comparison with that of Shostakovich. His works for the human voice demonstrate the breadth of his interests. ranging from songs in Japanese and Inuit to a series of a capella Latin motets. He also worked for several years as a music critic for the leading Copenhagen daily. Politiken, and was an author whose publications included a study of Danish Street Cries (1988) and collections of essays on

and choral works.

philosophy and aesthetics. Uncompromising in the pursuit of his own ideas. Holmboe was unmoved by tashion and never subscribed to any passing avant-garde. Instead, in a career of remarkable continuity, he absorbed and assimilated such varied influences as the sophisticated nationalism of Nielsen, the neo-classicism of Stravinsky and Hindemith, and the folk musics of Scandinavia and eastern Europe.

He was a master of polyphony, adept at weaving long flowing lines into complex yet

morphosis, whereby a small group of notes forms a musierm, a tiny pattern or motif from which, in a process of constant transformation, a whole work grows.

The sense of organic growth, of music as something living and constantly evolving. is central to Holmboe's work.



As the English composer Robert Simpson observed in his foreword to Holmbue's book. Experiencing Music: "His genius truly generates - in his music things are born and they grow. In it continuous metamorphosis is not merely ingenuity, it is life, it is tingling proliferation." Holmbo- himself liked to compare the subtle process of his work to that by which the silkworm turns gradually into a moth. Vagn Holmboe was born in

Horsens in Jutland. At the age of 17 he was admitted, on Nielsen's recommendation, to the Royal Conservatory of Music in Copenhagen, where his teachers were Knud Jeppesen and Finn Hollding. In 1930 he went to Berlin where he had informal lessons

from Ernst Toch. It was there that he met his future wife, the Romanian pianist Meta May Graf, a pupil of Hindemith's the couple were married on a field trip to study folk music in Trannsylvania in 1933 Returning to Copenhagen in

1934. Holmboe supported himself with work as a teacher and critic. His breakthrough as a composer came in 1939. when his Second Symphony he had already written more than a hundred works - won a pan-Scandinavian competition organised by the Royal Danish Orchestra. With the prize money the Holmboes bought a plot of land near Ramlese and Lake Arre, about 30 miles from Copenhagen: there they built a house and planted thousands of trees. Nearly all Holmboe's work responds, however obliquely. to the wild Nordic landscape in which he lived.

After ten years of teaching music at the Copenhagen Institute for the Blind. Holmbor moved to the Royal Conservatory in 1950, becoming professor of theory and composition there in 1955. Until 1965, when he resigned his post to concentrate full-time on composing. he was one of Scandinavia's most important teachers, and his pupils included such successful Danish composers as Per Norgard and Arne Nordheim.

Despite the protracted illness he suffered in later years. Holmboe was composing until the very end. His towering, valedictory Symphony No 13 was premiered in Copenhagen in March. In August a new work for soprano and organ was performed, and at the time of his death he was working on another string quartet. Vagn Holmboe is survived

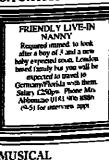
by his wife, to whom he was married for 63 years, and by a son and a daughter.

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building, improving costing and organization of housebuilding, and making better use of professional staff. In the new system, the architect uses a "light pen" on a cathode ray screen connected to a computer. He draws a house design as he would with pen and paper, but the computer is previously programmed to test the design

automatically for satisfactory performance.

and to produce costs and lists of materials and

specifications required.

Mr. H.E. Buteux, chief technical officer of the association, which is a Government agency and has built 80,000 houses in Scotland, said today: "The entire building industry in Scotland and beyond will benefit from this research. The results show that in the use of computers in the housing field, we are leading the world. About half our architects' time is spent on the tedious routine of updating and modifying house plans, incorporating new

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The association believes that the research could lead to a system of predicting the number of bricks, doors, windows and other material required for the whole of the Scottish local authorities' building programme at any

More than 200 representatives of Government departments, local authorities, building firms, and housing agencies and architects.

will be given a report of the university's work. at a symposium being held in Edinburgh a fortnight today.

> TUC HOLD THEIR HORSE AT THE SIX FENCE

BRIGHTON, Sept. 10 The trade union revolt against Britain's application to join the Common Market took a short but significant step forward here today. A hard-line motion instructing the Trades Union Congress general council vigorously to oppose entry was rejected, but by a narrower murgin than expected by its supporters.

Transport and General Workers: The mood of the conference was clearly anni-Market, but delegates overwhelmingly adopted a fence-sitting posture, in spite of being warned by the form-workers leader. Mr. B. Bottini, that it was biologically impossible for the T.U.C. carthorse to sit on

among whom was Britain's biggest union. The

the fence. The general council had produced a supplementary report which even international experts had neclared was the relearest exposition of the assess they had seen". This long, complex document recommended delegates to while and see what the terms for entry were before committing themselves

# Cooking for kitchen voyeurs

**BRENDA** 

tic squeals and moans issuing from Loyd Grossman and company on BBCI on Sunday would have done for Channel 4 after midnight. But they passed muster as teatime fare, for the stimulants were merely the Junior Masterchefs' scallop-stuffed ravioli and caramelised pear tart with mulled-wine ice cream.

It's not the sensuous presentation of food on television that makes me squirm. Rather. it's the pretence that viewers are watching for culinary instruction. The shows are daytime pornography. All these gorgeous televised goodies are being consumed by a nation of voyeurs: people who get their gustatory kicks from watching other people cook but don't actually do it themselves.

There are exceptions, of course. I myself have occasionally been tempted to try pounding rosemary, garlic and anchovies into the smooth paste as seen on the screen. But the audience before whom these demonstrations are performed consists in no small part of students in bedsits, pensioners and unemployed men. They would no more try "Raquel's Ravishing Mushroom Tart" at home than they would try to make binoculars out of toilet rolls.

MADDOX How come? Nostalgia. Hunger for a lost world, a golden age of home-peeled spuds and hand-wrung chickens. Sitting there alone with a bag of crisps watching Simply Delicious with Family and

Friends (this series starts on Carlton tomorrow with potatoes) is as sentimental an

exercise as watching Sense and Sensibility. That people are not eating family meals any more bodes ill for the future of the sitcom. The table is centrepiece of the old family comedy: the place where all the characters interact. The teenagers rebel, the mother (who is also the cook) cajoles, the father lays down the law and looks a buffoon. This tradition, going back to the days of Andy Hardy films and I Love Lucy, is being kept alive, as I have pointed out before, by that deeply moral cartoon strip, The Simpsons. The Simpsons eat together two courses, if memory serves; dessert is part

of the ritual of the old American way of life. As a dramatic focal point, the dining table is hard to beat. As The Last Supper demonstrates, it gets all the principal players in the same tight shot. But it is hard to find characters in today's realistic soap operas eating together round the same board. These people snack rather than eat. Accordingly, the dramatist resorts to the diner, the cafe counter and the pub to bring them together

mm!" "Ooooh!" "Whew!" "Wonderful! Wonderful!" The orgias-Australian soaps make a lot of the kitchen

- characters in Neighbours and Home and Away seem always to be opening the fridge, but only as an activity incidental to talking about relationships. Consumption tends to take place either standing or in coffee bars.

Yet even though modern Britain con-sumes its food in haste and in solitude, the television time devoted to its preparation continues to increase. Last week, Carlton Television launched a cable network devoted entirely to food. The advantages to the makers of such programmes is obvious. They are cheap, fill those omnivorous hours in the daytime schedule and offer extra income, for broadcaster and presenter alike, from the sale of magazines and cookbooks. It's all hard on the viewers, though,

tempted by these mountains of glorious food, then, if they watch TTV, to sign up for Weight Watchers or buy some low-calorie product. This conflict between the unreality of the cookery pro-grammes and the fast-food realism of the soap operas can have only one result guilt. Step for-ward Jancis Robinson, with The Food Chain. This new BBC2 series finds us all guilty. For wanting processed food and for not asking enough about how it gets to us. Robinson even got a

grim-faced expert last week to say that as a result, we are worse fed as a nation than during the Great Depression.

At best, this new puritanism is pointless. Thanks to the BSE crisis, we are all too aware of the contents of the tasty pie and burger. At worst, the sermon is misleading. The growth and distribution of food is one of the areas of life where there has been genuine progress.

What we need is not more antifood propaganda but more reminders of the joys of convenience food. We need to teach the young that, rather than stuffing themselves on crisps, they should microwave some pasta arrabbiata instead. The new galloping gourmet should be a single parent or a working mother, who will remind those who don't know what women had to do in the past to put three meals a day on the table. She should also say a good word for mass-production, and recall the not-distant days when the most common association with the word "chicken" was not "battery-reared" but "Sunday". As for the the disappearance of the mealtime, eating out has never been cheaper. There is no more binding experience for a family than to dine out together. The French learnt that long ago.



### **Poster** that failed to please

nation rapt by his reflections on the Prince of Wales and Lady Thatcher, The Listener can bring you news of more discord within the Church of England.

It seems that the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York were not the only ones displeased by the Churches Advertising Network's (CAN) daring choice of Christmas poster campaign this year. The CAN also incurred the disapproval of the mighty Sir Cliff Richard. Their poster, a trendy affair

featuring the slogan "Bad Hair Day? You're a virgin, you've just given birth and now three kings have shown up", was criticised for being inappropriate to the spirit of Christmas and appealing to yob culture. Unbeknown to most, however, this was not



Cliff: No to poster plan

CAN's first choice. Among seven other versions attempt ed was a poster featuring a picture of the celebrity Christian beneath the words "Hard luck Cliff, Jesus is Number One this Christmas".

All was ready to run until the organisation dutifully checked with Sir Cliff and found he did not like it. As a result, it was decided not to go ahead with that particular

■ FOR reasons best known to itself, LIVE TV has taken to sending out free novelty car stickers in an effort to grab those ever-elusive viewers. In a project codenamed Rear Win-

dow Wisdom, the management invites you to place one of 12 squirmingly crass slogans in your car, resulting in free advertising for them and

total ridicule for you. Among the sub My-othercars-a-Rolls-Rovce species of stickers are "I still miss my ex but my aim is improving". "If you think education is expen-sive try ignorance" and "My wife said if I don't quit fishing she's going to divorce me -God I'm going to miss her."
One of the slogans, how-

ever, could have some pro-phetic value for the struggling station and Mirror Group shareholders. It reads "Get even - die in debt."

### Rosie hue

THE Independent on Sunday's courtship of Rosie Boycott is now reaching epic proportions. For months now the formidably ambitious editor of Esquire magazine has been wined and dined by the Sindy's management, alleged-ly with the post of editor in mind, but a pass has yet to be made. One thing is for certain. Ms Boycott, who launched Spare Rib. the radical feminist magazine, would liven up the rather gloomy offices at Canary Wharf.

What could be delaying matters is the popularity of the current editor Peter Wilby. The paper does not want to risk losing even more staff and Wilby is one of the few reasons they have to stay.

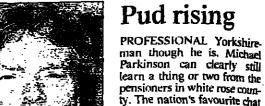
 THE ad men at Richard Branson's Virgin Radio are a suspicious bunch. They immediately jumped to conclu-

sions after a bus shelter

viously in no doubt as to the culprit. It just seems a bit of a coincidence that the very site at which we planned to launch our campaign hap-pened to be under Capital's noses, and that when we arrived it had been expertly taken apart". said Andy Mollett. the station's finance director.

they sent out publicising the

matter. Virgin's men are ob-



Branson: Ad men jumpy

which they planned to use in a promotional shoot was andalised. The Adshel bus shelter just happens to be outside the headquarters of their main rival. London's Capital Radio. Judging by a press release

His piece gave rise to no fewer than 79 letters of complaint from the readers.

puddings.

Please inform Michael Parkinson that making Yorkshire puddings with self-raising flour is tantamount to saying that Fred Trueman bowled for Lancashire." scolded Mrs M. Collier, of Beverley, Humberside. "Use plain."

show host, who pens a month-

ly column for Saga, the maga-

zine for the elderly, was clearly

stuck for something to write about, so turned his attention

to that old favourite. Yorkshire

### You can put your shirt on Cantona



Eric Cantona is much in demand

ERIC CANTONA seems to be every where but on the football pitch at the moment. He is either seen fronting Nike's advertising, cropping up in commercials for Eurostar or now, it emerges, starring in an ad for Cellnet. At least his shirt is.

The star is evidently so expensive that the agency, the McWilliams Partnership, could not afford the man himself. However, they used his trademark No 7 top in an ad for the launch of Cellnet's special Manchester United-branded mobile phone.

The shirt is featured in press work and on posters emblazoned with the slogan 'Ooh, aah can fone ya" - a "cheesy but effective" adaptation of the legendary Cantona chant, claims a spokesman. Given the overuse of the French celebrity, perhaps it is more a case of "Ooh, again gone too far".

THERE is a worrying trend emerging in adland. An increasing number of design companies are, to quote one

### **ADVERTISING**

distressed insider, "parking their tanks on agencies' front lawns."

The concern is over the apparent surge in client companies forcing agencies to share advertising contracts with design outfits. Some are even bypassing agencies altogether and awarding the design experts their entire advertising business.

Saatchi and Saatchi recently had its nose put out by Wolff Olins, which was heavily involved in the "Give me 5" returning campaign for Channel 5. Another company, Identica, is also said to be working uncomfortably closely with Bartle Bogle Hegarty on the relaunch of Mercury One 2 One.

And now Lambie-Nairn, the TV dent specialists, have just beaten Bates Communications to the advertising business for EBN, the cable and satellite TV station.

The win marks Lambie-Nairn's first

significant foray above the line. it is also the "start of further similar developments of existing clients," according to Lambie-Nairn's head of marketing. David Robinson.

ONE of the nation's most successful advertising icons. Direct Line's red telephone, could be facing an untimely demise.

The insurance company is reviewing its £13 million advertising business, now housed at the Wonderbra-to-Nissan shop, TBWA. TBWA is being given the chance to defend its role, but will be battling against Mellors Reay and Partners and Mortimer Whittaker O'Sullivan.

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Despite the rethink, the red phone, complete with wheels and somewhat distressing jingle, has been a soaraway success - for the company - if a little embarrassing for the creative snobs down at TBWA.

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# Spin-doctors and the credibility gap

hhough I have never been known as a sensitive plant. I must confess to some distress at being called a spindoctor — or, more properly, an ex-spin-doctor. This is not because it is now a term of abuse. Anyone who has been called a sewer - as I was by John Biffen who carefully distinguished me from the sewage I was supposed to carry - tends to find that much that is subsequently thrown at them is relatively complimentary.

I am distressed because I have never practised as a spindoctor and never regarded myself as one. I therefore feel I owe it to my former colleagues in the Government Informanon Service (GIS), which I led for a couple of years, and responsible PROs in the wider public relations industry to protect them from guilt by association with this import from North America. I can best do so by defining what is

and what is not a spin-doctor. The 1,200 or so members of the GIS come nowhere near qualifying. Their two prime functions are to promote an informed public, mainly through the press, radio and television, about the Government's policies and measures and to advise ministers and officials on their presentation.

Of course they seek to put the best possible gloss on the works of the Government of the day, consistent with the facts - in so far as they can be established - and reality. They try to engineer opportunities for their minister to argue the case for his policies and measures and to defend them when under attack.

They also seek to preserve



At the Edinburgh Television Festival a session was set aside to debate the growing efforts of spin-doctors to influence news reports Yesterday the Freedom Forum discussed whether spin-doctors were Feeding the Press or Starving the Public'. Here, Sir Bernard Ingham, the man Lady Thatcher called "the best press secretary

disclosure of information. But they operate under one overriding constraint: their personal credibility.

Press secretaries, as members of the GIS, have chosen to make a profession out of spokesmanship. Their licence to operate is their credibility as reliable informants. It takes years to build up that credibility. It can be destroyed in one

They seek at all times to defend their credibility. It is this - their longer term approach to their job - which partly distinguishes them from mere spin-doctors.

ut they are also set apart, even from private sector public relations, by being precluded from promoting their minister's image and political fortunes. They have, of course, to take account of their minister's strengths and weaknesses for these can get in the way of conveying the

For example, I could never

ignore Margaret Thatcher's remarkable ability to appear hard and uncaring in advising her how to present a case. But I was not there to destroy her Iron Lady image. I may well have enhanced it by the confidence with which I represented her position. But that was not the objective of the exer-cise. My briefing reflected the reality of her constancy and strength of purpose. She lost or gained incidentally.

in the world", gives his

definition of a spin-doctor

All political parties have long accepted that good presentation by the official machine may bring the Government a political bonus. But opposition parties will only continue to acquiesce in it if they are satisfied that it arises incidentally from the work of civil servants paid by the

taxpayer.

The third distinguishing feature between the GIS and spin-doctors is their role in fashioning policy. Generally, the GIS's job is to present a given line, programme or measure. Their presentational advice may refine it and occasionally they may in-



advertently make policy through their briefings. But they are not primarily there to devise policy.

Spin doctors on the other hand, claim personality, image and policy to be their core businesses. Peter Mandelson MP and a certain Dick Morris, now fallen from White House grace after a muchpublicised encounter with a prostitute, are clearly identi-fied in these ways respectively

with Labour leader Tony Blair as "products". They devise and President Clinton.

Indeed, Mr Morris is described as "the architect of the new Clinton" much as, I suspect, an unblushing Mr Mandelson would claim to be the inspiration behind "New Labour". spin-doctors are thus partisan, political operators with a communications background and an inclination to play Svengali. They see politi-cians and their programmes marketing campaigns for those products much as they would flog cornflakes or Wonderbras and they measure their success in publicity. How else can you explain the Tories' perseverance with their

"demon eyes" advertising? On the evidence provided by Mr Morris, spin-doctors also believe that they can turn water into wine. Who else would have had the gail to

- Mr Blair apart - would have had Mr Mandelson's temerity to refashion the old socialist, profligate Labour Party after Maggie's financially prudent, enterprise Tories? This is not a trade for modest. sensitive men.

Nor do they have much to do with political philosophy. In fact, the fewer a political leader's beliefs, the more he needs a spin-doctor to make

up for his deficiency - and the greater the spin-doctor's opportunity since his principal brings little baggage to the party. We thus see that spindoctors have little in common with self-effacing GIS press secretaries. They seek to create a new reality while press officers cope with the here and now. They reflect the prevail-

ing dearth of ideology.

lieves they might.
An estimated 20,000

omen play football in the

### Jennai Cox asks why feminine competition is excluded from media sports coverage and finds that male attitudes are to blame

### n the run-up to the Olympics in Atlanta, News week said:"Female athletes are the ones to watch. And for a few days

they were. But now, with Atlanta a distant memory, the media has returned to its "all-menall-the-time" policy or, to coin an American phrase, "symbolic annihilation" — the killing

of coverage of female sports. This is the view of author and former US athlete Mariah Burton Nelson whose new book bemoans the media's systematic neglect of fe-male sport. Ms Burton Nelson tells how she once perused the newspapers as a basketball player in the Seventies, "I'd scrutinise the sports pages, hoping to see something I could relate to,"

she says. "I almost never did." Girls reading sports pages today have the same experience, she claims, and because there is so little with which to identify they think that

women do not compete much. Her book The Stronger Women Get The More Men Love Football, published recently, complains that at best the media minimises female competitive sport and, at worst, ignores it. It argues that the coverage of sport is one of the last areas of male domi-

ewspapers are writ-

ten by journalists but it is often the authors of books who beat Fleet

Street's ace reporters and get

the best stories. That has been

well demonstrated this week by the serialisation in The

Times of Humphrey Carpenter's biography of the former

Archbishop of Canterbury.

According to the Daily Mirror, the explosive political book everyone is talking

about is Secret Society, by the Liberal Democrat MP Emma

Nicholson, who defected from

the Tory party earlier this

year. Her story of the Tory

party started on Monday

with an account of a flirta-

tious John Major. Emma

Nicholson is a feisty woman

but I have news for the

press and The Sun. They were

# Why women don't make the back page

are in the sports pages, and tematically thrust into femi-

Even during the Atlanta games there was an attempt, she says, to trivialise female

sports. "There were a lot of

wearing leotards and swimsuits, but very little coverage of team games.

Professor Margaret Talbot, head of sport at Leeds Metropolitan University, claims the

portrayal of women's sport has long been conditional on

them looking like girls.
"There seems to be an unease about seeing women achieve ing and striving. Women are expected to conform to a

Swimmers fall within acceptable female behaviour,



Ladies' cricket thrives but they were told in 1881 "end this insane rivalry with men"

ways seen as an inferior None of which corresponds with reality. There is plenty of evidence to show many people prefer female tennis," Profes sor Talbot says.

Ms Burton Nelson believes

most women ignore news-paper sport thinking it is not important. They are mistaken, she says, and need to be aware that "men feel threatened that women's performance in In the last century there

were concerted attempts by the establishment to stop women playing sports. The Birmingham Daily Mail in 1881 described women's cricket as "essentially a male game" which "can never be played properly in petticoats" and pleaded with them not to enter this "insane physical rivalry with men". These days, says Ms Burton Nelson, the coverage is controlled,

Television and newspaper sports editors in America are still predominantly men who favour the sports in which males domiThe situation is similar here. ITV and Channel 4 broadcast mainly horse racing, American football, rugby, boxing and motor racing, most BBC sport is male-dominated and while satellite channels have greater variety the flagship programme on Sky Sport is Premiership football.

ewer women write about sports than any other popular media subject, despite quite recently showing more interest in sports journalism. "Men can no longer say sport is mascu-line. Millions of girls are playing, coaching and a lot are now writing about it, says Ms Burton Nelson. She quotes Kate Callen, a former sports editor, who thinks because they are not dazzled by the stars, women can make

etter sports writers.
The sports editor of The Sunday Telegraph. Colin Gibson, also said female sports reporters may be known as "fluffies", but because of their isolation from the pack they learn to develop their own style. Steve Pinder, a sports journalism lecturer at

Serialisations are only one aspect of the mutual relation-ship between editors and publishers. On Saturday Ra-

sports specialism. They bring a fresh eye to the subject whereas the men tend to have set ideas," he says.

During television and radio one ins to promote another of her books about the achievements of female ath-letes, Ms Burton Nelson was constantly told by men: "Yes, but a woman will never play pro football." As more women

UK and a recent international game against Portugal drew an audience of 2,000, many of whom were men, according to the Football Association. William Hill has taken bets from mothers on their daughters playing for England and it is not inconceivable, says Graham Sharpe of the bookmakers, that a women's FA Cup final will one day pack Wembley. That will give everyone something to read in the sports pages.

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Mirror's editor, Piers Mor-Editors are bombarded gan. You're wrong - the book throughout the year with everybody is talking about proposals for serialisations this week is Humphrey Carfrom publishers. Some, notapenter's Robert Runcie. bly The Sunday Times and the Daily Mail, are looking Carpenter has never been a journalist but the revelations for serialisations almost evin his Runcie biography proery week of the year. Others duced three consecutive concentrate on autumn, Janusplashes in The Times and ary and April, when sales made the front pages of The need a kick start and a Guardian, The Independent, sensational serial helps. the Daily Mail, Daily Ex-Selecting serials demands

**PAPER ROUND** Brian MacArthur

nice choices both by editors and publishers. Publishers have two ambitions. One is to recoup a significant portion of the advances they have paid to authors. The second is to sell a serialisation to the newspaper which offers the most suitable environment for their author, his subject and potential readers. Robert Runcie would usually be as unsuitable for The Sun as the memoirs of Samantha Fox would be for The Times.

editors is: will a book on offer

for serial genuinely boost

sales or simply keep readers

happy with a good read? Is it

The teasing question for

Duchess of York's memoirs. £500,000? Add another half a million to that for advertising on television and the Duchess has to sell a lot of newspapers to make such an investment worthwhile. Yet rivalries in Fleet Street are so fierce that a bill for El million may be considered cheap if it persuades readers to switch papers, particularly if some are persuaded to stick with their new choice. Some of this autumn's ear-

worth £5,000, £25,000. £50,000 --- or are Sarah

ly choices have been up for inspection in the past two

Sunday Express and Daily Express, The Last days of the Romanovs and the Oprah Winfrey Diet in the Daily Mail: Buddy Holly in The Sunday Times, drug dealer Howard Marks and Tony Blair in The Guardian, as well as Robert Runcie and Emma Nicholson. Still to come are Sarah

Duchess of York; the story of Andre Hanscombe, the part-ner of Rachell Nickell (and father of their child) who was murdered on Wimbledon Common in 1992; and, cashing in on the success of the Nicholas Evans novel, Monty Roberts's story of his work as horse whisperer to the Queen. After being rejected by sev-eral major players, it looks as though An Evil Love, Geof-frey Wansell's life of Frederick West, so horrifying that most newspapers would not even consider a serialisation, has found a Sunday buyer.

chel Billington, author of Perfect Happiness, the sequel to Emma, was writing about Jane Austen in both The Times and The Daily Telegraph. On Sunday. The Observer was trying to unravel the mystery of the first name of Inspector Morse, soon to be revealed in Colin Dexter's new novel. On Monday, stories about five books — the new Penguin History of England, Robert

Runcie, The Archers, A.A. Gill and Peter Stringfellow made the dominant items on seven pages of The Daily Telegraph and were the subjects of two of the three leading articles. Without the book industry, especially on Saturdays and

Sundays, news editors would often be looking at empty pages. It is a good deal for both parties. Newspapers get good stories and access to star names for interviews and profiles - and the publishers get loads of free publicity to sell their books. They are so lucky they often forget to advertise them in the papers that give them so much help.

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Preview: An unconventional treatment for brain damage in OED.

Life on Ice (BBC), 10.00pm) Review: Matthew Bond on General

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Mr Rifkind's talks in Switzerland would carry more weight if he

could also announce that the Government is to start repaying its

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The existing law of assault should

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Each age and culture finds the

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There are all sorts of reasons why

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### Britain to abandon 'mad cow' culi

■ The slaughter of 125,000 cattle is likely to be halted by ministers, and the cull - designed to persuade Europe to lift the ban on British beef - may never be carried out.

The decision, which could inflame the dispute between Britain and her European partners, comes in the light of new research suggesting that "mad cow" disease will die out naturally in five years....

### Swiss told to repay Nazi gold

A huge hoard of gold looted by the Nazis during the Second World War is still being held in Swiss banks and now Britain is to ask for it to be returned. A top Swiss bank official has admitted that gold worth \$500 million - £4.6 billion at today's prices — was hidden in the country's vaults but only a fraction . Pages L 5 has been surrendered..

### Blair accused

Tony Blair tried to defuse the row over Labour's plans to curb strike action as trade union leaders accused him of "kicking them in the

### Meningitis warning

A surge in meningitis cases this winter was predicted by public health specialists after official figures revealed that last winter's total was the highest for more than 20 years ..... ......... Page I

### Tax loophole plan

The Labour leadership is considering ways of reducing tax loopholes enjoyed by the wealthy as an alternative to raising the top marginal rate of income tax of 40 ....Page 2 per cent...

### Legal aid law delay

Plans to stop legal aid funds being wasted on undeserving cases and to force people to pay towards their legal aid bills have effectively been shelved by the ...Page 2

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Early man could play the blues with instruments made from bird bones, the British Association meeting in Birmingham was ... Page 7

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Loyalist terrorists have threatened to kill a group of Irish businessmen who bought a large farm in the Irish Republic from a Protestant family who had been

### Fish claim put off

A claim by Spanish fishermen for £80 million compensation from the Government for stopping them fishing in British waters was delayed.

### Clinton denial

Dick Morris, President Clinton's disgraced political strategist, sent investigators a statement denying he told a prostitute that Hillary Clinton was responsible for requisitioning FBI files ...... Page 12

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Five years after his death, Australia's most eminent historian. Professor Manning Clark, is being demonised as a traitor, after allegations by a newspaper that he wore the Order of Lenin Page 12

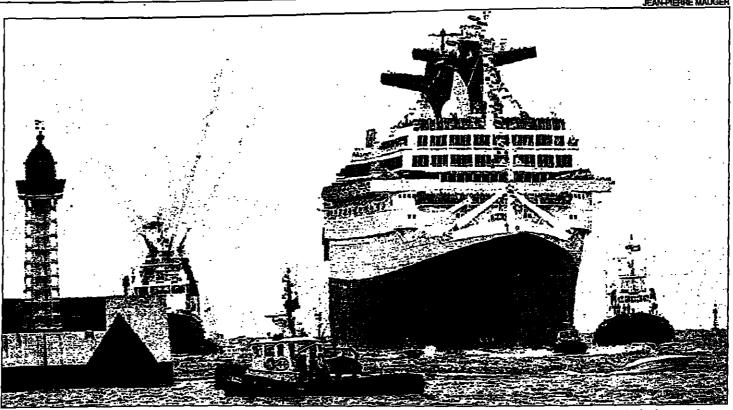
Belgian arrests In Belgium 23 people, including 11 police officers, were questioned in connection with Marc Dutroux, the confessed paedophile

### Saddam rebuilds

The Pentagon said that President Saddam Hussein was rebuilding air defence missile sites hit by US cruise missile attacks on southern

### Catherine Cookson does it her way

■ At the age of 90, Dame Catherine Cookson, whose books have sold more than 100 million copies, is launching a new career as a singer with the release of a tape featuring her renditions of old-time favourites and songs she has written herself. Called Her Way, the tape has been mixed and cleared of background noise at the Abbey Road studios.......Page 1



The Norway - previously France - at her home port of Le Havre for the first time in 17 years before sailing to Britain for repairs

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Rugby union: A match between the Barbarians and Australia in December will go ahead despite Australian claims that they will play England... .... Page 42

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Clinton is risking burning himself. The Iraqi affair is not a clear inter-

the White House has already had to defend himself for having abandoned the CIA's allies in Kurdistan during the Iraqi offensive. Two months remain during which the doubts could deepen - Le Figaro

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Someone loved this cat - indeed probably still does, not yet knowing that it will never again pop through the catflap, having reached a state where it could as easily be slid under the door. The ex-owner should be compassionately told 

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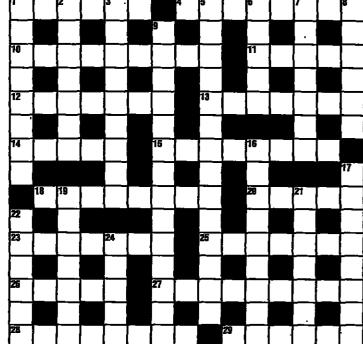
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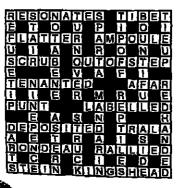
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rather chilly in places despite normal temperatures. Much of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with some rain or drizzle and near-normal temperatures, but south of high ground it will be mainly dry and bright, and so a little warmer. Clearer, showery wea-ther will reach the breezy north later. London, Central S England, E

Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, NW England, Central N: fairly bright with a few surny intervals. Some isolated daytime showers. Wind north or northwest, light. Max 19C (66F). SE England, E Anglia, E England, NE England: rather cloudy with some rain or drizzle, mainly near

coasts. Wind north or northwest, light or moderate. Max 18C (64F).

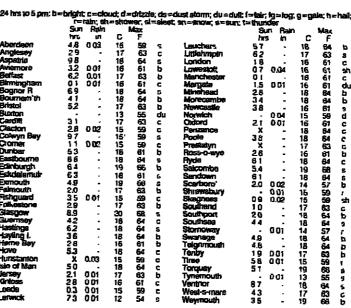
☐ N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland: rather cloudy but mainly dry.

Some local drizzle patches. Wind mainly northwest, light. Max 17C ☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dunder Glasgow, Central Highlands: mainly dry and bright. Isolated drizzle patches at first. Wind northwest or

west, mainly light. Max 18C (64F). ☐ Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: rain or drizzle at first, clearer from north later, with showers Wind west or northwest, moderate or

fresh. Max 16C (61F). Outlook for Thursday and Friday: bright or sunny spells develop-ing from the north. A few showers in the east.

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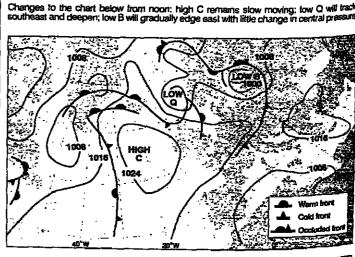


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At last, proof of price rises in a difficult market **PAGE 34** 



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Rosa Mannion is Violetta in a new Traviata **PAGES 35-37** 



£280,000, in a raid on three

premises in central London. In

May, two brothers were jailed

for their part in a Lagos-based

ring. Fraudsters are thought to

employ UK-based operatives

### **SPORT**

Graham seeks a change of fortune at Leeds **PAGES 42-48** 

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# Fraudster tries to recruit SFO chief for Nigerian scam

By Jon Ashworth

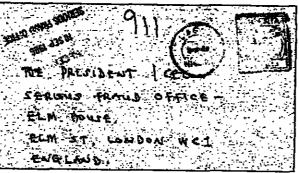
IT WAS just another fraudulent letter seam. The author was from out of town, he had \$32 million to place in a UK bank account, and he needed the help of a trustworthy person employed by a reputa-ble company. Nothing could be simpler — except that the recipient was George Staple. and the "company" was the

Serious Fraud Office (SFO). The Director of the SFO is not, perhaps, the most logical person to target for a fraudu-lent scheme. But so it unfolded yesterday, when a lener adto the "President/CEO" and carrying a Lagos postmark, arrived at the SFO's Elm House head-

too impressed with what Dr Oludare Wilson of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation had to say.

The story will be familiar enough to the thousands of people to have encountered this well-worn format over the years. Dr Wilson — unscrupulous chap that he is - had over-inflated a \$665 million engineering and construction contract, and was eager to transfer \$32 million into a safe and reliable offshore account. None safer than Mr Staple's. one would agree.

In time-honoured fashion, Dr Wilson goes on to offer the SFO a cut of 30 per cent about \$9.6 million — in return for its help. He goes on to



The letter addressed to the "President" of the SFO, and George Staple, the Director

recount the unhappy tale of an earlier deal that went wrong, costing him and his partners \$27.5 million. He adds: "This time around we need a more reliable and trustworthy perny's account to transfer this money into. Hence this letter

to you."

Dr Wilson concludes by asking Mr Staple to keep the proposed deal "top secret and confidential", since "top and

from recipients who were rash enough to take up the offer. 60 countries. Metropolitan

influential government functionaries" are involved. The transaction, needless to say, is

"100 per cent risk free." Mr Staple, a former partner in Clifford Chance, the City

who literally page through telephone directories, pluckparty - the Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad. The Met is said to have received at least ing names and addresses at random. Presumably, the 18,000 complaints about Nigewords Serious Fraud Office rian letter frauds, and has were innocuous enough not to reputedly made about 45 artrigger alarm. Victims who swallow the rests. It is thought that at least \$39 million has been swindled

bait are induced to pay money up front in "consultancy fees" and "local taxes" to facilitate Five men were sentenced to transfer of the funds. Needless various terms in prison in to say, the transfer never takes January for their part in a Nigerian-based "fax fraud" place. One businessmen claims to have lost \$6 million which involved 400 victims in to "advance fee" fraud. Mr Staple, for his part, was Police officers recovered

treating yesterday's incident as all in a day's work. He said: They targeted the wrong person for their mailshot. I hope those who received similar letters will not be foolish enough to get involved."

### **BUSINESS TODAY**

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### Utility review

Richard Caborn, the Shadow **DCCIAUSI** yesterday told a fringe meeting at the Trades Union Congress that the party plans a review of the utilities pricing formulae, and seeks moves to make the regulators more publicly and politically Page 26

### Textiles jobs

Courtaulds Textiles, a supplier to Marks & Spencer. is to shift more production abroad and will cut 1,500 British jobs over the next two years. Page 27, Tempus 28

# M&G deal urged on Kepit investors

European Privatisation Trust (Kepit) has written to its 70,000 investors informing them that their interests would be best served in a joint deal with M&G, the

unit trust group. However, the announcement immediately prompted a row between Kepit and Henderson Touche Remnant, the fund management group, whose TR European Growth (Treg) unit trust is bidding £500 million for Kepit.

Treg claimed that the M&G arrangement did not properly cater for the needs of the bulk of Kepit's disaffected investors who wanted cash.

The scandal at Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, whose European trusts are now the centre of an investigation that could lead to big upheaval for the trust industry. has added further confusion to the complex arguments over Kepit's fate. But Shane Ross, Kepit's chairman, denied that the events at Morgan Grenfell had in any way influenced his choice of a partner.

Mr Ross is recommending a scheme proposed by M&G under which investors could choose either to hold units in a new Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation unit trust. switch into M&G's European & General unit trust, or take cash by moving into Kleinwort's Money Market trust and then liquidating their holdings.

Mr Ross said that M&G's stratagem was the most attractive of the ten proposals submitted by fund management groups. He was also highly critical of the Treg's £500 million bid that inspired the approaches from other suitors, including Barings, Flemings, Guinness Flight, Invesco

THE board of the be- and Lazards. Morgan Grenwithdrew from the Ira after the suspension of its

Mr Ross claimed that Treg's plan to liquidate Kepit's entire portfolio would raise less for investors than the deal with M&G. as the market would reduce prices in anticipation of the sale. He added that Kepit investors would eventually be forced to bear Treg's £14 million worth of bid costs.

Treg was equally dismissive of Kepit's plan to link with M&G, reminding investors that the Kepit board had originally opposed the concept of unitisation. This is the process whereby an investment trust is turned to a unit trust to allow investors to cash in their holdings at their true value rather than at a discount. Kepit shares have lantheir launch in January.

James de Sausmarez, of

Henderson Touche Remnant. said: "Those Kepit investors who want a continuing investment in Europe would be better off in Treg, whose performance is significantly better than M&G's. Most Kepit investors want cash. But the new Kleinwort trust and the M&G trust will be able to cherry-pick Kepit's best holdings. This means that those ors who want cash will be left with the proceeds of the less valuable parts of the

Mr Ross said that the details of other proposals would be disclosed when further information on the M&G deal was sent out later this month. ☐ Unit-holders in Morgan Grenfell withdrew a further £23 million yesterday, taking total withdrawals in the last week to £255 million.

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### Alcopops hangover for Matthew Clark

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE craze for "alcopop" drinks is destroying sales of cider, Matthew Clark, the drinks company, revealed yesterday. Shares in the company slumped by more than a third to close down 239p at 431p, wining more than £210 million off the company's market value. Peter Aikens, chief executive, said that

sales of Matthew Clark's premium branded products, which include Diamond White and "K" ciders and Babycham, had fallen by 60 per cent during July and August. Sales in the company's branded division fell by 40 per cent overall. The company's premium brand ciders account for around 18 per cent of total group profits. Alcopops, fruit-flavoured alcoholic drinks, were only launched in this country last year but are expected to notch up total sales of £170 million this year despite a storm of criticism over the marketing

techniques employed to sell the drinks. Carlsberg-Tetley, the brewer, was forced to spend £100.000 last week altering the labelling on its latest products, the tangerine-flavoured Thickhead, after complaints

that the bottle was appealing to underage drinkers. Leading alcopop brands include Hoopers Hooch, made by Bass, and Two Dogs marketed by Merrydown, the rival cider company. Hoopers Hooch is now selling three times the volume of Diamond

Shares in HP Bulmer, Matthew Clark's main rival in the cider market, also suffered, falling 28p to close at 552.5p. although the company does produce alcopop products. Shares in Merrydown, the third major cider company, improved by 0.5p to 117p. Matthew Clark added that its profits had

also been hit, although to a lesser degree, by cheap cider products which have continued to take up most of the market growth, imposing pricing pressure on oremium brands.

The company said it would rethink its marketing strategy to deal with the threat posed by alcopops, but did not want to make a knee-jerk response to the problem.

### **PPI** creditors to receive surety money

By Jon Ashworth

CREDITORS of Polly Peck International are to receive £2.6 million lodged as surety for Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman, after a judge ruled that the funds should not be forfeited to the Crown.

Sir Lawrence Verney, the Recorder of London, was asked at the Old Bailey by Roy Amlot, QC, acting for PPI's joint administrator, not to order forfeiture of the £2 million security left behind when Mr Nadir jumped bail in May 1993. The result means that the sum — plus an estimated £600,000 in interest — is available to creditors

Christopher Morris of Deloitte & Touche, joint administrator of PPI, had challenged the application by the Crown. Mr Morris said: "1 am delighted with the result as this will increase the amount of money available to creditors." The extra funds will not have a significant impact on creditors, who are owed

### Pennington, page 27

By Eric Reguly

BT yesterday shaved another the National Consumer Coun-£214 million from Britain's cil. said: "The one thing they telephone bill to try to stop customers defecting to cable

The reductions come into effect next month and will see the prices of national and international calls fall by between 10 per cent and 25 per cent. BT said that the new cuts have raised the total savings to residential and business customers to more than £1.5 billion over the past three years.

Consumer groups welcomed the reductions, but criticised BT for not extending them to local calls. Froma Hellyer, for should be doing is cutting the cost of local calls. A lot of

people only make local calls." She also attacked BT for failing to deliver more flexible pricing packages. BT last year told Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, that it might introduce a fee structure similar to ones offered by mobilephone companies. For example, customers who use the phone a lot might accept higher rental charges in ex-

change for cheaper calls. The price cuts favour residential customers over busi-

ness users. Of the £214 million in cuts, £120 million is directed at the home market. In the past, business has been the main beneficiary of BT's Oftelimposed price cuts. The Consumers' Association estimates that business bills have fallen, in real terms, by 9.3 per cent each year since 1990, against 2.7 per cent for home bills.

Strong competition by cable companies in the consumer market is forcing BT to change its strategy. BT has admitted losing 50,000 customers a month to cable companies.

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# . BT cuts bills to fight cable | Lloyd's disciplines agencies

By Jon Ashworth

plan. Lloyd's introduced new LLOYD'S of London has fined seven underwriting agencies and barred five intermediaries from doing business, in a sign of a heightened disciplinary drive the insurance market. Bankside Syndicates and Murray Lawrence & Partners have been fined £5,000 each for late submission of syndicate or

fines of £500 each. Lloyd's has started publishing details of its disciplinary actions: previously, details would have been circulated internally. The move follows the success of the the market has been withdrawn reconstruction and renewal

agency quarterly returns. Five

other agencies received token

disciplinary bylaws with effect from August 7. These include fixed penalty fines and the requirement that disciplinary actions be published. The above fines were imposed under an earlier bylaw. David Gittings, director of

Lloyd's regulatory division, said: These actions are part of the ongoing regulatory activity going on at Lloyd's. The difference is that for these cases, and those in future, we will give publicity to the action taken." in a separate action, access to in the case of five inter-

mediaries. Philip Knight & Co has been barred for exceeding the terms of its underwriting authority. Prokor Underwriting Managers (Pty) Ltd has been barred for purporting to provide insurance in the knowledge that no cover was in place. Others barred include Colburn Wilson Co, Fortress Auto Systems (Ptv) Ltd and Dobinson Gregory &

☐ Final acceptances for the Lloyd's settlement offer close at noon today. Resistance is understood to be strongest in Canada, where 268 out of 571 names have yet to accept.

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Going for growth: Steve Murfin, left, finance director, and Brian Evans, chief executive, saw pre-tax profits at Wyevale Garden Centres rise 22.4 her cent to £5.8 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings rose 19.8 per cent to 10.4p a share. The interim dividend rises 15 per cent to 3.7p a share

### National to go all-out on rail bids

By Fraser Nelson

NATIONAL EXPRESS, the transport group, said vesterday that it would bid for all of the unsold rail

The group, whose acqui-sition of the Midlands Main Line has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. said that it had decided not to "pick and choose" be-

Stagecoach, the UK bus and rail company that runs South West Trains, declared a similar strategy

in July. Colin Child, finance director of National Express. said the group was confident of persuading the MMC that its ownership of both West Midlands Travel, a regional bus operator, and the Midlands train network would not present it with an unfair advantage.

He added: "The overlap between coach and rail passengers is minimal. We as the car market, and our advertising strategy will be targeting car passengers directly."

Pre-tax profits increased to £20.4 million from £7.79 million on sales of E206 million (£115 million). Earnings jumped from 7.3p to 10.5p per share. An interim dividend of 3.4p (3p) will be paid on Octo-

Although net cash fell to £18.9 million, from £33.7 million. the group said that it was looking to buy more bus companies. Its two rail operations,

Gatwick Express and Midland Main Line, generated a combined operating profit of £401,000 in their first four months with the group. There was a sixmonth profit contribution of £18.5 million from West Midlands Travel.

Polski Express, its Polish subsidiary, incurred losses of £466,000. National Express may put the service into a joint venture or withdraw completely.

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# Labour outlines plans to shake up utilities

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

LABOUR is to propose tighter profit caps for utilities and could share out the windfall tax it intends to levy on the privatised industries on a regional basis.

The clearest picture yet of how a Labour government would tackle utility regulation emerged yesterday when one of the key architects of the policy, soon to be unveiled, outlined current thinking. Richard Caborn, Labour's

spokesman for competitiveness and a regulation specialist, told a fringe meeting at the Trades Union Congress conference that the party plans a review of the pricing formulae and to make the regulators more publicly and politically accountable and could seek to return excess profits clawed back under a windfall tax to

RJB Mining, the company that bought most of British

Coal's mines, yesterday con-

firmed that it has submitted

proposals for a new colliery in

the Witham district, north of

This is the first new pit

development in England since

1981 and the largest since the

coal bonanza in Yorkshire's Selby coalfield 20 years ago. The coalfield is likely to con-

tain 655 million tonnes and

will take ten to 15 years to come into full production. About a third of the reserves

vary in depth from 600 to 900

metres and extraction would be

at the rate of three million

tonnes a year, creating 500

jobs. Development is expected

to cost £300 million at 1996

prices. Plans for the mine come

aging director of deep mines is

Bill Rowell, announced the

closure of the Point of Ayr

RJB saw pre-tax interim prof-

Colliery, in North Wales.

a month after RJB, whose man-

Newark, Nottinghamshire.

the areas in which companies tighter corporate governance. had made their profits. The pricing formula of retail Moves to distribute the price inflation minus X, conwindfall tax on a regional basis are in their infancy but such an allocation would bolceived by Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, is likely to be discarded in favour

ster a Labour reinforcement of regional development. Mr Caborn said: "Why shouldn't it be that where the money has been generated it then finds its way back?" Regional distribution of the tax, which is expected to raise at least £3 billion, could help to fund training and youth employment schemes. Tax raised from a levy on the electricity generators and possibly British Gas, which do not have a regional base, would be dis-

tributed nationally. Mr Caborn stressed that the utilities would face harsh profit caps, run in tandem with

Rowell: profits up

its rise to £86.1 million, from

£85.8 million, in the half year

to June 30. Turnover eased to

£700 million (£740 million).

The interim dividend is 8p

(5.5p). The results were calcu-

lated after charging an £18.3

million operating loss follow-ing geological problems at the

Asfordby pit in Leicestershire.

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RJB confirms plan

for £300m colliery

of profit-sharing.
Mr Caborn said Margaret

Beckett, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, was looking at profit-sharing programmes to curb the comparties' ability to pass cost savings made under RPI-X straight on to shareholders. He said: "RPI-X has largely failed in stopping benefits going directly to shareholders."

Foreign ownership of UK utilities is also likely to come under scrutiny and Labour could insist on domestic companies having a separate listing on the Stock Exchange if they are owned by overseas

Ulster wins

700 new

factory jobs

MORE than 700 jobs are to

be created in Limavady, Co Londonderry, in a £68.2 million project by Seagate Technology, the world's largest independent manu-

facturer of disc drives (Nich-

Seagate will take over the

site of the Benelux factory

the loss of 100 jobs. The

Benelux plant, which

opened last year with a £10

million grant from the

Northern Ireland Industrial

Development Board, made

The board will provide

£24.2 million towards the

new 174,000 sq ft plant, hailed as one of the most

important inward invest-

ment projects in Northern

The factory, Seagate's second in Londonderry, will begin production next July

and is expected to provide

759 new jobs over two years.

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compact disc covers.

Ireland in years.

olas Watt writes).

businesses. Labour also hopes to strengthen the hand of utilities to compete globally and could endorse vertical integration of the type that was outlawed by lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, when he vetoed bids by National Power and Power-Gen for two regional electricity companies.

Mr Caborn described the

decision by Mr Lang to bar National Power from buying Southern Electric and Power Gen from buying Midlands Electricity as a "narrow view". He said UK companies must be empowered to compete effectively overseas. He said they could be suffering from too small a home base to nurture the expertise needed.

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### Midland and CU agree to works

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY NDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

councils

MIDLAND BANK and Commercial Union, the insurance group, yesterday brought 70.000 staff under European works council arrangements with the establishment of two

Midland's arrangement will enable consultation with its 40,000 staff in the UK although the HSBC banking group, its parent, is to persist with plans to derecognise the banking union for 9,000 managers.

The deal, which will also reach Midland's 4,000 employees in Europe, is the first struck by HSBC with Bifu, the banking union. But Alan Scrimgour, assistant secretary of Bifu who will sit on the new council, tempered his welcome for the arrangement with a call for full union recognition.

He said: "Welcome though the works council is, to be fully effective, the listening bank has got to listen to its manag-ers in the UK. It is illogical and an insult to their manag-ers to deny them full union

Midland's works council is only the second in the banking industry. Last year NatWest became the first bank to ratify such an arrangement. Bifu is holding talks with other banks, including Barclays and Lloyds TSB, to introduce

councils. Commercial Union's deal. which covers 16,800 staff across Europe with 8,500 in the UK, was struck after consultation with the European wide Euro-Feit grouping of unions and the UK staff association: The group said it would enable greater participation in European business.

UK companies do not have to form works councils because of Britain's opt-out from the social chapter, but those with European interests are obliged to do so under the European works council directive. TUC research has shown that the UK is setting up works councils faster than any other EU member state.

# £100m to investors

By Jason Nisse

AMSTRAD, which called off takeover talks with Psion, the rival electronics group, two added: Either we are going to use the money for further acquisitions or find a scheme rival electronics group, two months ago, is considering handing over £100 million of

shareholder, said the group was awaiting the ruling in its legal action against Seagate Technology of the US before it decides what to do with its

The court is due to rule next month on Amstrad's claim that Seagate delivered faulty hard disk drives for Amstrad's personal computers in 1988 and 1989. Seagate could be forced to pay damages of over £100 million.

Western Digital, based in California. is due to start in America in February. Mr Sugar said Amstrad had

so far shied way from giving cash back to shareholders because of the tax costs. But he

Better market

share helps

to lift Aegis

Reguly writes).

to give it back without the tax man putting his greasy hands

Mr Sugar spoke as Amstrad revealed pre-tax losses of £14.9 million (£3.1 million profit) for the year to June 30. The loss per share was 13.7p. against earnings of 2.2p. An un-changed final dividend of 1.5p. payable on November 1, makes 2.75p for the year (2.5p).

Mr Sugar added that Amstrad was well placed to win a contract from BSkyB, in which News International, publisher of *The Times*, has a 40 per cent stake, for a TV set top decoder to receive BSkyB's new 200-channel digital service. However, a BSkyB spokeswoman said no plans for a digital launch had been announced and Mr Sugar was talking prematurely.

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# Amstrad may give

### cash to its shareholders. Alan Sugar, the group's chairman and 34 per cent

£107 million cash pile.

A similar case, against

### **Spring Ram** sees signs of upturn

AEGIS, the largest media ROGER REGAN, chairman of buying and planning group, yesterday announced a 23 per cent rise in underyling pre-tax profits, to £20.1 million, in the half year to June 30 (Eric Earnings per share were 1.4p (1.2p). Aegis, which operates under the Carat name, said the

year Uason Nissé writes). results stemmed from a growth in advertising and market share and the recruitment of erations, which are for sale. large clients such as Philips. An interim dividend of 0.25p will be paid on October 11.

### Shares fell 2p to 6312p. **TOURIST RATES** Bank 5ells 1.88 15.92 46.75 2.062 0.699 6.76 6.96 7.71 2.26 362 11.68 95 4.66 2308 Benk Buys 0,600 2,767 2,39 10,56 250,60 7,58 203,00 11,02 2,03 1,556

Spring Ram. yesterday said that there are signs of an up-turn in demand as the troubled kitchens and bathrooms group reported a rise in pre-tax losses to £20.4 million, from £17.3 million, in the first half of this

Mr Regan also said there had been some improvement in Spring Ram's furniture op-The loss per share was 4.5p. (3.5p). There is again no divi-

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### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

### New code of payment practice launched

A NEW initiative to combat the late payment of commercial debt was launched yesterday. The Confederation of British Industry and the British Standards Institution joined government ministers in introducing the new standard, Rs 7890, with the aim of creating better links between suppliers and customers and improving present payment practices. Business leaders, who are urging all firms to embrace the new standard, believe it will improve both the credit management procedures of the seller and the purchasing practices of the buyer, saving time and money for both sides.

The standard adds to existing codes of practice by providing payment guidelines for both sides. While the standard itself is not legally binding, business leaders envisage that if companies enter into a contract to supply goods and services, and quote the standard in effecting the transaction, then as part of the contract the standard would have full legal status under current contract law.

### Scotia's commercial aim

SCOTIA HOLDINGS, the drugs development company, plans to become a commercial pharmaceuticals group and expects to have the first of its new drugs on the market next year, with profits by 1999. Scotia, the second largest player in the biotech sector, vesterday reported a loss of £7 million in the half year to the end of June, against a loss of £5.3 million previously. Operating income rose 12 per cent to \$10.9 million. Scotia shares closed at 691 p. down 42p.

### Bardon keeps up payout

BARDON GROUP, the quarrying and aggregates company, is maintaining the interim dividend at 0.8p a share for the half-year to June 30. Profits rose to \$5.8 million from \$5.2 million in the first six months and earnings improved to 0.4p a share from 0.3p. The company said second-half trading would be tough. In the UK a decline in volumes may not be fully offset by higher prices. In America the outcome will depend on the weather holding good until the year end.

### **Eurotunnel post**

EUROTUNNEL has appointed Richard Shirress as finance director. Mr Shirress has been recruited from Catteau, the French subsidiary of Tesco, where he is finance director. He will be based in Calais and will take up his new post on November 1. He will report to Georges-Christian Chazot. Eurotunnel's managing director, and will be responsible for all financial matters relating to the business except for talks with Eurotunnel's banks.

### Allied Leisure dividend

ALLIED LEISURE, which owns 35 bowling centres, is resurning dividend payments after a three-year absence. The company recommends payment of 0.5p a share for the 54 weeks to the end of June. Profits were £2.54 million before tax and exceptional items, rising from £1.83 million in the first half of the previous year. Adjusted earnings were 285p a share (2.44p). The company said like-for-like sales were up 20 per cent in the first half of the current year.

### Kingsbury 43% ahead

KINGSBURY GROUP, the specialist furniture retailer, reported a 43 per cent jump in interim underlying pre-tax profits to £2.5 million (£1.8 million). The rise comes on the back of sales growth of 21 per cent. The group has opened four stores in the first half and plans a further five in the second half. Earnings per share, in the six months ended July 6. were up 36 per cent to 7.2p. There will be an interim dividend, payable on November 12, of 1.25p, up 25 per cent.

### Olivetti chief's UK date

FRANCESCO CAIO, managing director of Olivetti, the struggling Italian electronics company, will visit London early next week to meet investors and analysts. Up to 30 per cent of the company is owned by London-based investors who want to question Signor Caio after Olivetti's announcement last week that it had made a half-time loss of 440.2 billion lire. After chaotic trading on Monday Olivetti shares yesterday hit a new low of 575 lire (24.43p) during trading.



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£83 million before tax and

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material prices. He added that although profits for the first two months of the second half were ahead of last year.

performing divisions and concentrate on improving the return on assets in

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### ☐ Williams focuses on focus ☐ Three-way split for investment trust ☐ Regan's patient still in intensive care

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☐ IF conglomerate has become a term of abuse, then "acquisitionminded conglomerate" must be the ultimate insult. Which is curious given how many there are still around. The dictionary defines a conglomerate as a group or corporation formed by merging of unrelated firms. Most companies of any age fall within this definition, having evolved over the decades through a curious, quasi-biological pro-cess of fission and fusion as deals

were done and different busi-nesses were bought and sold. Some argue, therefore, that the current distaste for conglom-erates is more a matter of fashion and perception. They may even point out that no one in the City ever took to task Gerry Robinson, of Granada, or Sir Clive Thompson, at Rentokil, for heading groupings that range from Coronation Street to motorway cales or office cleaning to tropical

plants until they were involved in takeover bids. But boards of directors do not sensibly ignore fashion even if the two biggest fashion victims. BTR and Hanson, left it too long. BTR will this week cut its dividend by a third and make much of its plans for disposals; Hanson, from October, becomes four separate companies. There are others that survived, by proving either that they could bring added value to the concept

COURTAULDS TEXTILES, a

leading supplier to Marks &

Spencer, is to shift more of its

production abroad and will

cut at least 1,500 UK jobs,

equal to 11 per cent of its

British workforce, over the

The company, which yester-

day reported it had gone into

the red with an interim loss

after exceptionals of £8.5 mil-

lion, compared with a profit of

£6.4 million a year ago. has

sold six businesses in recent

European

Leisure

rises 30%

maiden contribution

from Riley's American

Pool helped European Lei-

sure to achieve a 30 per

cent rise in full-year profits

The company said that

its Maygay gaming mach-ine division had also bene-

fited from deregulation measures introduced at

the beginning of the year.

Turnover rose 12 per

cent to £77 million. There

is again no interim divi-

dend. The shares fell 26p

to 17612p after the com-

pany said it would place its

banking syndicate equity and raise new funds for

S-R cash pile

Severfield-Reeve, the structural steel company, had net cash of £3.46

million at June 30, up from

£2.51 million. The com-

pany said demand remained high. In the six

months to June 30 pre-tax

profits rose to £1.8 million from £891.000. The inter-

im dividend is increased to

1.75p a share from 1p. due October 28.

Middlesex up

Middlesex Holdings, the

minerals trading com-pany, increased profits to

£4.56 million before tax

from £2.45 million in the

six months to June 30.

Turnover improved to

£87.9 million from £17.4

million. There is again no interim dividend.

GBE International, the

GBE ahead

cent to 0.6p a share.

months to June 30.

expansion.

at £5.4 million.

next two years.

# The leopards change their spots

- difficult, that, given that the City had decided it was irredeemably flawed - or that they were not really a conglom-

The flim-flam that accompanied this strategy made much of "focus", the corporate buzz-word of the 1990s. This means concentrating on profitable ar-eas, the sort of blindingly ob-vious insight that management consultants are paid millions to come up with. The focus word will be well to the fore when BTR

makes its apologia to the City tomorrow, and it was on offer yesterday from Williams. This is one of the survivors, Sir Nigel Rudd, its chairman, hav-ing spotted early the conglomerates brush coming and ducked to avoid most of the tar. The second half, he told the City, will feature "the continuing strength of our fire protection businesses and the increasing sales volume of security products". Limping a poor third, by implication, comes building products and such household names as Rawiplugs and Larchlap fencing, Amdega conservatories and Smallbone

Roger Carr, the chief exec-utive, says Williams is still "hungry for acquisitions" — just as well that he said it. These will be in the two chosen areas. The level of debt, gearing now at 90 per cent, should require match-ing disposals to fund them. Williams believes that interest cover, a better measure of what it can afford, would allow as much as £300 million to be spent before any disposals. These will come

building products.

Thus do the leopards, imperceptibly, change their spots.

Expect much more talk of focus as the process continues. And just wait for the tide to change, conglomerates to come back into fashion, and all the leopards' spots to start to fade again.

☐ INVESTORS in Kepit, or those who are not heartily sick of the whole affair by now, might ponder Hilaire Belloc's lines on **PENNINGTON** 

The accursed power which stands on Privilege/(And goes with Women, and Champagne. with Women, and Champagne, and Bridge)/ Broke," he wrote, "and Democracy resumed her reign/ (Which goes with Bridge, and Women and Champagne)".

Plus ca change, in other words, Kleinwort Benson, whose coord with the Kleinwort Benson words.

record with the Kleinwort Euro-pean Privatisation Investment Trust has been much criticised, has been on a beauty parade in recent weeks. The independent board of directors have been casting around for alternative managers, spurred by a hostile bid from one such, Touche Remnant. They have reached a decision, and the winner is ... Kleinwort Benson, in alliance with another City heavyweight,

M&G. Investors have three opbetween them.

They can get their cash out as they wish via another Kleinwort trust. They can stay with Kleinwort through son-of-Kepit. a unit trust, so wiping out the discount to their proper value the investment trust's shares are

Or they can throw in their luck with M&G, investing in a more widely spread European unit trust and hoping for a better performance from this in future. Vising or the standards have Kleinwort would clearly hope they would stay with its own vehicle, which will retain some of the original Kepit securities, and is forecasting a significant up-

turn for these. Just two reservations. First, the attraction of unit trusts has, how should one put it, dimmed over the past formight; no fault of Kleinwort but look rather to another German-owned City institution. Secondly, there is no indication what other offers were made. Kleinwort says its scheme is less expensive than Touche Remnant's. But investors should wait on further details towards

the middle of this month, which should contain some idea what other plans were laid before the

### Not much Spring in the Ram's step

☐ THREE years ago, when the

While it would be unfair to characterise Mr Regan as the company doctor who killed the patient, his remedial treatment at Spring Ram seems to have moved it from the sick bay to the intensive care ward. The company has seen more than £100 million of losses since he took the helm and continuing operations were trading in the red in the first half. And the shares stand

institutional shareholders ousted Spring Ram's founder, Bill Roo-ney, and installed Roger Regan as chairman. Mr Regan said it would take three years to turn around the ailing kitchens and bathrooms group. Well, time's up. The bad news is that Spring Ram has just recorded a half-year loss of more than £20 million. The good news is that all should be fine within 18 months.

at around a quarter of the price they commanded on the day of his appointment.

Yesterday he was being up-beat. July sales showed a slight rise; the takeover of Texas DIY by Homebase had not had too much of an effect; Stag Furniture should be sold by the end of the year; the core businesses of kitchens and bathrooms should break even in the second half; and, if all goes to plan. Spring Ram could make £5 million next year. This compares with the £21 million in the last year of Bill Rooney. And the institutions kicked him out for these

kicked him out for that. Replacing Rooney looked at the time like a positive move. But shareholders can be forgiven now for feeling like the Russian voter who looks at Boris Yeltsin and wonders if the Communists weren't so bad after all.

### Bitter lemon

☐ MATTHEW CLARK has lost a third of its stock market value after a profits warning that blamed the new breed of alco-holic lemonades. Will this be-come the next catch-all excuse for underperformance by the drinks companies, in the same way that every duff leisure company has blamed the National Lottery? This could be the start of a trend even more invidious than those wretched alcopops themselves.

# More jobs to go as Courtaulds Textiles reshapes

luxury fitted kitchens.

By Sarah Cunningham months, and plans to dispose of a further six. So far this

year, it has cut more than 700 jobs in the UK. Colin Dyer, chief executive since June, declined to say which UK factories are now under threat of closure. More production will be moved to countries with lower labour costs, such as Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey and Sri Lanka. He said that a minimum wage

would accelerate the loss of jobs in the UK textiles sector. Government figures due out today are expected to show a decline in the number of unemployed in August, but later this month British Airways is widely expected to announce plans to shed around 10,000 jobs, equal to a

quarter of its workforce. Mr Dyer surprised the City yesterday by announcing that restructuring will cost be-tween £30 million and £35 million over the next two years, including £9.1 million charged in the first half of this year. Excluding this charge, Courtaulds made an interim pre-tax profit of £600,000.

compared with £10.3 million a year earlier. Most of the remaining £21 million to £26 million cost of restructuring will be charged in the second half and analysts expect it to wipe out most of the profits for the full year. They were expecting a much lower

restructuring charge. Courtaulds Textiles says it

will fund the programme with

cash raised from disposals. Annual benefits are expected to build to between £10 million and £13 million by 1998. In the years after the programme. reorganisation costs are ex-

> pected to be around £2 million to £3 million per year. The company's structure has been reorganised into four divisions: lace and stretch fabric; lingerie and hosiery: casualwear and underwear:

and furnishings. Fabrics fared worst in the first half, with profit before interest down £8.2 million, because of weak demand in the US and in continental European lace. Operating priorities are to resolve the problems in lace and im-

prove margins.
In clothing, profit was similar to last year, excluding reorganisation costs. Order books indicate better secondhalf sales than a year ago. Mr Dyer intends to develop sales to the company's biggest buyer, Marks & Spencer. It

currently accounts for 28 per

cent of its sales. He expects

good progress in clothing and stretch fabrics but says lace margins remain a problem. Earnings per share of 8.1p a year ago turned into losses per share of 3.7p for the six months ended June 30. The company is maintaining its interim dividend at 5.2p. It is payable on October 22. The

company's shares closed up

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may not recognise the 00 date suffix. Paul Davies, Parity chief executive, above, also said the company was well-placed to benefit from the trend to self-employment and home working. Parity increased pre-tax profits to £4.3 million from £3.07 million for the six months to June 30. Earnings were 6.75p a share (4.82p). The interim dividend is 1.4p (1p).

### Refocusing at Williams may lead to disposals BY PAUL DURMAN

WILLIAMS HOLDINGS yes-terday revealed that this year's

(See Pennington this page). Williams is keen to distance itself from its conglomerate past and is focusing on international businesses in fire

protection, security and building products.

looked out of place and could be candidates for disposal. gearing was also pushed up

agement teams become deeply

£223 million acquisition spree has led to a substantial rise in its debt-equity ratio, prompting suggestions that the company may seek to sell parts of its building products division.

Roger Carr, Williams' chief executive, said he was comfortable with gearing that rose from under 20 per cent at the beginning of the year to 107 per cent at June 30. Borrowings rose to £370.9 million, but

by a £155 million fall in net Mr Carr said Williams's interest payments remained well covered at nine times and the group is strongly cash generative. The recent sale of the group's electronics business also brought in E71 million. Mr Carr added: "Our

entrenched in the industries where they now operate, the more they discover opportunities."
Williams was reporting an

Williams is expecting simi-lar trading conditions for the rest of the year. Analysts are

forecasting full-year profits of around £245 million.

Building products is the biggest business, with sales of

£438 million in the first half.

An increased number of hous-

ing starts in the US helped to

produce a £3.7 million rise in North American profits to

£22.9 million, but the contri-

bution from the European

arm fell back to £38.9 million

(£40.6 million). The economic

problems of France and

The fire protection division based on Kidde International

has virtually doubled in size

through acquisitions in the

past year. Its profits rose by

28.6 per cent to £40.5 million.

Germany depressed sales.

11.4 per cent rise in first-half pre-tax profits to £114.9 million. Good progress in fire protection and security enabled the company to overcome the problems of weak building markets in continen-

Zafar Khan, analyst at So-ciété Générale Strauss Turnbull, said businesses in the UK such as Valor gas fires, Dreamland electric blankets, Larch-Lap fencing panels and Smallbone luxury kitchens

appetite for acquisitions is not diluted. The more our man-

### with 8 or 9 per cent of the improvement coming from organic growth. Williams is paying an interim dividend of 5.8p a share, a 5.5 per cent rise.

Rexam in

### **AEA float attracts 'very** strong private interest'

SHARES in AEA Technology. the nuclear decommissioning and waste management experts, are being offered at between 240p and 270p, giving the company an expected market value of up to £216 million. The company, until recently part of the Atomic Energy

Authority, is the Govern-

ment's last privatisation be-

fore the general election. Only

10 per cent of its shares are

By PAUL DURMAN AEA Technology's chairman. said there appears to be "very strong interest" from private investors, judging from presentations the company has made to stockbrokers.

Sir Anthony said investors

have been keen to learn more

about some of the more col-

ourful applications of the com-

include developing high per-formance batteries for mobile

phones and helping with the

technology. These

physics to zoology".

the nuclear accident in the 1980s. Just over half of AEA Technology's £250-million-ayear business is nuclear-related. It employs 600 PhDs "in every discipline from astro-

After adjusting for reorganisation and other

costs, the indicated price range

puts AEA Technology's shares

on a historic price-carnings

multiple of between 15.1 and 17

times. At 240p, the company

DELTA, the engineering group, yesterday disclosed a

sharp fall in first-half profits and announced the departure of Robert Easton as chief executive. The company reported a downturn in profits to £11.5 million before tax in the six months to June 30, from £35

million previously, affected by restructuring costs and a £5.7

million charge against a de-

cline in the price of copper in

departs as profits tumble By OLIVER AUGUST copper scandal earlier this year. Mr Easton, who has been with Delta for 22 years and was made chief executive in 1989, had asked to retire last

Christmas. He will be suc-

ceeded by Jon Scott-Maxwell,

Delta's chief executive

44 a divisional managing director of GKN's Automotive Driveline business. Despite a fall in earnings to 1.8p a share from 14.5p, the company is maintaing the interim dividend at 4.5p. The

Easton said trading conditions had remained generally difficult during the first six months, similar to those of the

second half of 1995. Weak construction-related markets in the UK were coupled with a sharp downturn in continental Europe. Activity in other overseas markets remained at reasonable levels, with the exception of the

Middle East. Restructuring cost a total of

### earmarked for private inveswould be worth £192 million. shares rose 24p to 401 p. Mr clean-up of Chemobyl after tors. Sir Anthony Cleaver. Cash gusher gives Clyde Petroleum a lift



BY CARL MORTISHED

CLYDE PETROLEUM, the oil exploration group that took over Crusader, an Australian Australian assets. oil explorer in May, is enjoying a cash flow surge because of increased production and

higher oil prices. Oil production volumes averaged 39.153 barrels per day in the first half of the year, up from 37,618 bpd in the same period in 1995. Realised oil prices were up almost £2 per barrel, to £12.13, leading to a 24 per cent increase in pre-tax profits, to £24 million.

Clyde expects production for

including 45,000 bpd in the second half, with a 12 per cent contribution from the new

The surge in production was helped by Clyde's 6.6 per cent interest in the Andrew field in the North Sea, which came on stream six months early and 22 per cent below its budgeted development cost. Clyde's new Indonesian production interests provided 18 per cent of total oil volumes, contributing 1.3 million barrels for Clyde in

the five months of ownership. Clyde said that it was well

year. Exploration in the UK included participation in five wells, all of which were plug-ged and abandoned. Clyde plans three exploration wells next year in Indonesia, where tax incentives let the company set off its investment in exploration as a cost under its production-sharing contract.

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Cash flow from operations was £56 million in the first half. Earnings per share fell to 2.8p, from 3.2p, because of a higher provision for overseas taxes, but the interim dividend

### £300m sales plan By Alasdair Murray REXAM, the paper and

packaging group, plans to raise up to £300 million from disposals as it continues its recovery after last year's dismal performance. The company, which lost its FT-SE 100 place earlier this year after a 40 per cent decline in share value, yesterday reported a 25 per cent fall in half-year profits to

due on November 8. Jeremy Lancaster, chairman, said that the group had shown an improvement over the second half of last year, when profits plummeted because of extreme volatility in raw

markets in Europe were still flat and the company is cautious about the outlook for the second half. Ralph Boerjesson, the new chief executive, said Rexam would dispose of low-margin, under-

remaining divisions.

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Towards 2000: Parity, the information technology company, expects expenditure on IT to rise sharply as companies make efforts to contend with the so-called millennium factor (Martin Barrow writes). The company said clients risk incurring substantial costs if they do not act promptly to reprogram computers to prevent systems from malfunctioning because they

# LucasVarity heads for top 100 in place of Thorn

LUCASVARITY, the subject of a £3.2 billion merger between Lucas Industries and Varity Corporation of the US, will take its place later this month as a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index. It is likely to replace Thorn, which was demerged from EMI last month.

Since the demerger Thorn has steadily lost ground. It finished another 14p cheaper at 369p yesterday while LucasVarity added 112p at 23912p. The constituent companies are reviewed every quarter by the actuaries which are due to meet any day now.

Entry is judged on the company's stock market capitalisation. At last night's close Thorn was valued at £1.65 billion.

Another company facing the chop is Southern Electric, 3p dearer at 67412 p. which saw a bid by National Power earlier this year blocked by the Government. Both British Land and Rexam are also seen as likely contenders for index status. Rexam breathed a sigh. of relief yesterday that halfvear figures were no worse than feared. The shares finished 14p better at 40812p.

Elsewhere, share prices failed to maintain their early pace, having enjoyed a markup on the back of another strong performance by the

Dow Jones overnight. As part of an assault on the 4,000 level, the FT-SE 100 index reached a new intra-day trading high of 3,933.6 before seeing its lead whittled away before the close after New York registered an opening fall. It ended the session 5.3 points up at 3.916.1. Trading. remained thin, with 723 million shares changing hands.

Among blue chips BT eased 2p to 370p after announcing plans to cut the cost of telephone charges. National call charges will be reduced by 10 per cent during peak times and 20 per cent during offpeak. The cuts will also affect international calls. BT says the price reductions amount to savings totalling £214 million and bring total reductions during the past three years to £1.5 billion.

distributor, saw its shares marked share'y lower after warning that profits had been hit by the introduction of "alcopop" drinks. Shareholders at the annual meeting were told that this had hit sales of its strong branded drinks like "K" and Diamond White by as

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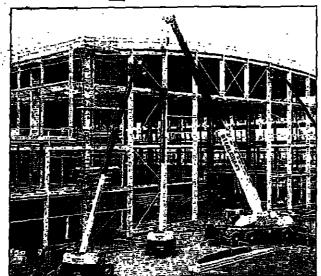
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Severfield-Reeve, steelworkers, dipped 9p on profit-taking

much as 60 per cent. The introduction of cheap cider products had also taken its toll on profits. The shares finished the session 239p lower at 431p, wiping around £200 million from the group's stock market value of E592 million Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, responded by cutting its profit forecast for Matthew Clark from £67.5 million to £52.5

war. Tesco, 4p better at 311p. has embarked on a programme of price promotions on about 100 selected lines fuelling fears that the price war is ready to escalate in the run-up to Christmas.

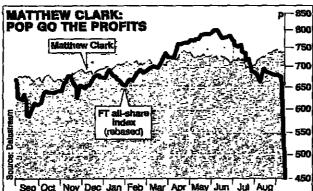
The City showed what it thought of worse than expected half-year figures from Graham Group by marking the shares 16p lower at 137p. Pre-

Cable and Wireless was in town last night so that City stockbrokers could meet Dick Brown, the new chief executive. The group's failure to merge with BT has left it with plenty of problems and the brokers will want to know how he plans to tackle them. The shares closed 8p dearer at 433p in anticipation.

million. The move left HP Bulmer 20p lower at 560p. Asda traded in narrow limits for much of the day before

finishing ip firmer at 109p on turnover of more than four million shares. Brokers will be anxious to see what Archie Norman has to say to shareholders later today at the group's AGM. They will want to see if he has comments about the supermarket price

tax profits of £4 million were below even the most gloomy broker's forecast. Brokers said the group had suffered from fierce competition in a depressed market and was paying the price of underinvestment during its time as a subsidiary of BTR. It was demerged from BTR in 1994. BTR, which unveils interim figures on Thursday, firmed lp to 268p. The figures are



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£13.4612p after talking to a number of US fund managers about prospects. Delta Group responded to

some encouraging words on current trading with a rise of 2412p at 402p. This was in spite of the expected drop in pre-tax profits during the first six months of the year from £35 million to £11.1 million.

A pledge by Alan Sugar, chairman, of better times to come enabled Amstrad to finish 1612p dearer at 155p. it came after the group plunged into the red last year with losses of almost £15 million after heavy restructuring. He said that Viglen and Betacom would return to profit next year and hoped Danecall could stem losses.

Half-year losses at Courtaulds Textiles failed to cloud the picture for brokers as the price rebounded 5'2p to 310'2p. A pre-tax deficit of £8.5 million came as a shock to the market. It followed a heavy restructuring programme reputed to have cost £35 million and resulting in 15,000 jobs moving overseas.

First-half losses totalling almost £20 million against a profit last time of £4.3 million left Cape, manufacturer of fire protection products, marking time at 155p.

Profit-taking

Severfield-Reeve, structural steel engineers, nursing a fall of 9p from a peak of 30112p to finish at 29212p, after the group weighed in with halfyear figures showing pre-tax profits doubled at £1.8 million. ☐ GILT-EDGED: A sell-off of US Treasury bonds saw bond prices in London lose their early gains to close broadly unchanged. The market was not helped by com-ments from Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, who said he saw no reason for another cut in interest rates. In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt ended all-square at £1061732 in thin trading. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 was unmoved at £972932, sury 74 per cent 1998 marked time at £101916. □ NEW YORK: On Wall

Street early losses due to profit-taking were largely re-couped and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 4.07 points lower at 5,729,77.

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### More exotic rags

COURTAULDS Textiles has a lot of catching up to do. The size of its restructuring charge gives an indication of how large the problem and how late the solution. Courtaulds was less than helpful in identifying how the £35 million charge was to be spent, although we are told the cash element will be self-financing.

Courtaulds faces two difficulties: a poor market for lace and the continuing problem (faced by all in the rag trade) of the high cost of domestic production. Yesterday, the new chief executive decided to take on the lot. He may have had little choice as the company has been delaying action for some time. Taking into account the exceptional gain from selling the Arab head shawl business, the restructuring charge looks more like £40 million.

Coyness about where the costs will fall reflects the sensitive issue of exporting jobs.

The sudden rush to build plants in Morocen and Thailand suggests that UK manufacturers have not only had to win the hearts and minds of managers but also convince major customers. Hitherto. Marks & Spencer, has prided itself on its policy of sourcing in the UK but even Britain's favourite retailer knows a good value shirt when it sees one. At a minimum. Courtaulds needs to restore itself to earning £50 million from its £1 billion of sales. However, a 5 per cent margin looks meagre compared with rivals, such as Dewhirst which earns 7-8 per cent if Courtaulds cannot improve its margins, it must shrink, shedding more businesses to improve its return on investment. That may disturb relationships with big customers but the alternative is for Courtaulds to lose in

### RJB Mining

RIB MINING's chief executive is either very clever or very foolish. The track record of Richard Budge, the self-styled saviour of British mining, shows little evidence of madness but he insists on adopting a view of the energy market totally at odds with the prevailing wisdom.

He appears baffled by the army of analysts and their forecasts which he believes continually underestimate the prospects for RJB Mining. The City establishment forecast 1.5 per cent growth in the demand for coal, a figure two years out of date, he says. Mr Budge prefers a more bullish 5.8 per cent.

When the City predicted that older mines would have to close if RJB opened a new one, as it did yesterday, the chief executive bluntly dismissed the sceptics as crystal

ball-gazers. In short, he believes Britain will need more coal in the future, not less. So far Mr Budge has confounded his critics. RJB resurrected British Coal's

business and its success has been an irritation to the doubters. But having repaid acquisition debts RJB has to prove that it can compete with both foreign coal pro-

ducers and the gas sector Gas is less of an immediate problem than the overseas coal, which is available at a 15 per cent discount. RJB has long-term contracts with power stations which expire in 1998 when it may tace the choice of losing margin or customers. Crystal ball-gazing? Perhaps, but investors are a nervous bunch.

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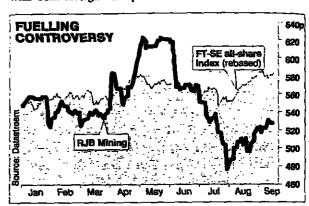
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### Rexam

REXAM, the paper and packaging group, has come down to earth with a bump. After a record first six months in 1995, the company slumped after a dis-mal second-half performance and suffered the added ignominy of falling out of the FT-SE 100 in June But under its new chief

executive, the company is showing renewed signs of life. Rexam has already divested itself of \$200 million of businesses and has promised to dispose of a further £300 million of low margin. underperforming assets. will strengthen

Rexam's balance sheet allowing faster expansion when ket is right. For the moment, however, Rexam is stressing consolidation, ensuring that its existing assets are generating adequate returns in difficult market conditions. The managerial shake-up, with the focus shifted from regions to business type. should help the process.

Rexam's health will always partly depend on raw material prices but for the time being these are unlikely to cause difficulty and the new management team should be able to make a fresh start.

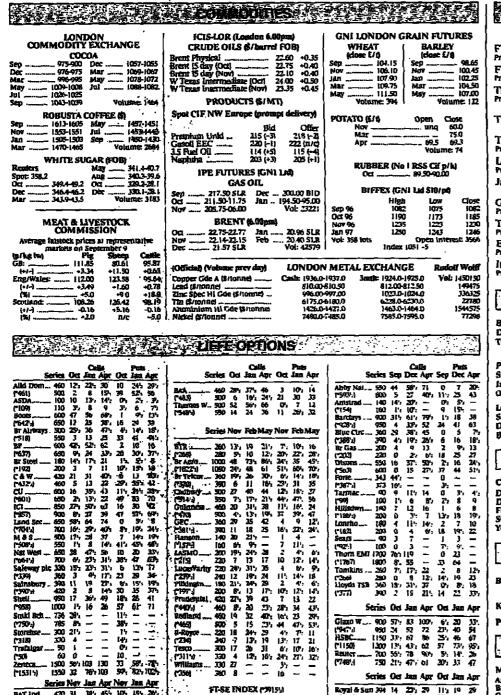
### Amstrad

WHAT is Amstrad? It's not a consumer electronics company; it has hived that business off to Betacom. It is not a high technology company. because for all Alan Sugar might claim about mobile phonemaker Dancall, neither it nor the PC-maker Viglen are yet seen as state-of-the-art manufacturers. Maybe it is a bank. It has cash of £107 miltion, three-fifths of its market value, and net interest is the only positive thing in its profit and loss account.

Despite Sugar's attempts a deal which fell apart two months ago. Amstrad's founder says he is not tiring of his problem child. He sees great potential in Dancall and just wishes the market understood the business better. He wants to give his cash pile back to shareholders. But he is waiting for the outcome of the £100 million legal action against US group Seagate before he puts his advisors' minds to dreaming up a tax efficient way of distrib-

uting the money. Investors still holding Amstrad shares may be amazed to find that they are still listed. Sugar tried to take the company private. Subse quently, Psion said it might offer over 200p a share and then changed its mind. The price may have jumped over 10 per cent to 155p yesterday. but it stands at little more than Sugar's offer price of long talked of jam tomorrow. But his current prediction is backed up by cash today, and to sell the company to Psion. for once he just might be

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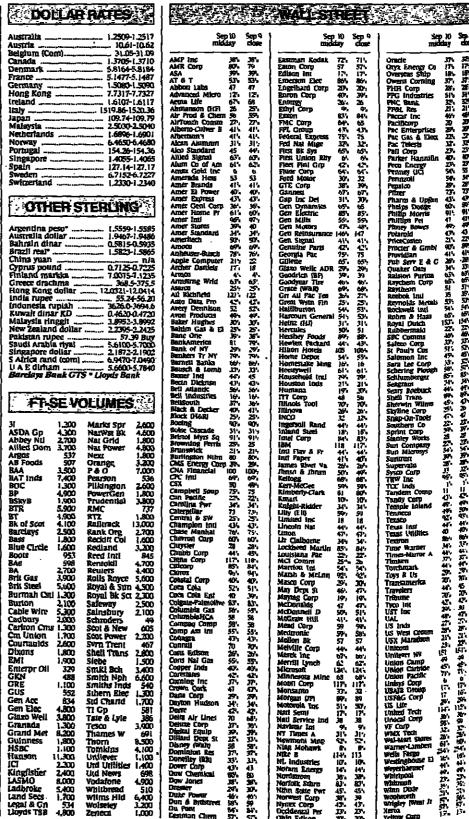


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Testing times ahead for

single currency's architects

Janet Bush

studies the

schedule

of EMU's

promoters

reparations for a European single cur-

ality game to many in Britain.

but, on the Continent, hard

decisions are already being

made by those determined to

join up in 1999. Even as

Britain's political leaders care-

fully maintain enough ambi-

guity to avoid scaring voters

come election time, the EMU

clock is ticking.
The most public focus of the

next few weeks will be budgets

due to be unveiled by most of

the major European economies

for 1997, the test year written into the Maastricht treaty. A

series of extremely tough aus-

terity packages are in prospect

after deficit overshoots almost

everywhere in 1996; in France

and Germany, the crucial twin

pillars of the planned monetary

union, borrowing is well above

vinced by the budget arithmetic or if political unrest

looks as if it could threaten

yet to be tested. There is ample

evidence that the main players

are prepared to fudge the

Maastricht criteria enough to

get a core of countries safely

into the single currency on

time, and the financial mar-

kets have done little to ques-

tion the glaring compromises

inisters will today announce the latest

L unemployment fig-

ures, hours before Britain's

trade unions set their prelimi-

nary target for a national minimum wage. Conservative

ministers are unlikely to miss

the chance to make the connec-

tion: minimum wages will cut

The Government is hopeful

that today's set of labour market figures will show a

further fall in the level of

seasonally adjusted unem-

ployment. Tony Blair, the

Labour leader will through his

aides seek to limit any damag-

ing effect on Labour's electoral prospects of the unions setting

a precise minimum wage figure in clear defiance of the

party leadership's wishes. And

the unions at the TUC confer-

ence, led by John Monks, the

General Secretary, will this

fiscal resolve.

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rency may seem like a

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Mentoring

by Morgan

DEREK DRAPER, Peter

Mandelson's former boy

wonder-cum-researcher

and editor of Progress, a

publication for Labour ac-

tivists, has reason to feel

abashed. He published a

lengthy article in the latest

issue praising Morgan

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ment, the company at the

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trust scandal. Draper describes MGAM's recent

foray into Levionstone

Comprehensive as part of

a mentoring scheme. A

far cry from the image

most Labour supporters

have of merchant banks,"

he gushes, adding that

"next time we see the film

Wall Street and Gordon

Gekko is preaching 'greed is good', we should re-

member the other side of

the City. those who prac-tice the stakeholding is

good' philosophy instead."

DEWE ROGERSON, the

PR giant yesterday dis-

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ing the interim results of

Pendragon, the car sales

company, on notepaper

headed with Nationwide's

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and Dewe Rogerson use

Pims, the printing and

services group. Could this

be how the confusion

arose, or is it just a case of

**Gritty Lutheran** 

NATWEST could soon be

press officer-less after an

announcement yesterday

that Edward Townsend.

head of Group Media

Relations, is leaving to

join Luther Pendragon.

the issues management

consultancy. Townsend's

news comes in the same

week that Simon Lewis,

director of corporate af-

fairs, gives up his seat at

NatWest to join British

Gas Energy. George Pitch-

er, who is joint managing

director of Luther Pen-

dragon, doesn't hold back

when he describes

Townsend, a cricket, rug-

by and jazz fan. as a wise

counsel and a gritty opera-

tor - in short, he is very

Clarke: 40-inch waist

CABINET ministers

across the Continent have

handed over their waist and leg measurements to

Dockers, which is part of

Levis Strauss, in a bid for a

free pair of the "casual"

pants. By the end of this

week. Kenneth Clarke.

who boasts a 40-inch waist

and a 31-inch inside leg.

will have received his tan

colour trousers. While

Michael Heseltine, Sir

Patrick Mayhew, and Helmut Kohl take the

longest trouser length at 36

inches, the latter also has

the largest waist measure-

ment at 50 inches. Michael

Portillo and John Major

are mere slips of things

with a willowy 34-inch

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### The unanswered question about US growth

an any of you tell me why our economy cannot grow at 4 put this question to the Fed Board at an unofficial meeting when his new appointees joined. What none of hem knew then was that the US economy was already growing at well above that rate - 4.8 per cent in the second quarter, on the re-vised figures. That short burst was absorbed without inflationary mishap: but the pace has slowed since then, so the question remains unanswered. Indeed, there is still a different question to be faced first: will the Fed allow growth to be put to the test, or lose its nerve if the

rate picks up again? The board is already split down the middle. The district presidents, who are practical men, close to industry but remote from technical economics, know that labour market pressures are growing, and they are audibly nervous. But Alan Greenspan, the Clinton appointees and the Fed's economic staff are excited by growing evidence that the restructured US economy is highly resistant to inflation. To pacify the district men, policy is now on red alert a "tightening bias" means that interest rates can be raised in response to market pressures without waiting for a further FOMC meeting. But they remain reluc-

push them. market is dead; it just doesn't know it yet." These words from Bob Brusca. of Nikko Securities, express the frustrations of a prophet justified, vet unheard. Like an inverted Roger Bootle, he has found that a good forecast can be a bad market pointer. Bootle detected falling UK inflation, but bond

strong and stable mark in favour of a Euro whose constituent members fudge economic convergence to join and then refuse to submit to collective discipline after the event. The Irish Republic wants to mark its EU presidency with tant to act unless they are progress on this and other pushed; and this week, the issues. The focus of all current market signally failed to discussions is the Dublin summit of heads of govern-ment, foreign and finance "Hey, guess what? The bond market thinks a strong economy is good for bonds! We're at risk here. The bond

ministers in December, but it is likely that current discusyields rose. Brusca hailed the strength of the US economy when many observers were still worried about recession. Nearly all of them would now agree that he vields have not risen. Some analysts are convinced that growth will soon fall to a somnolent pace

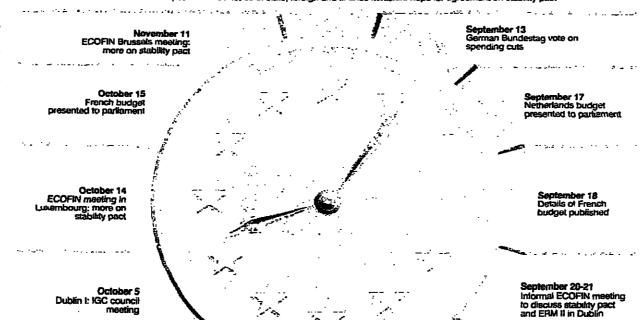
was right all along: but

again. But some are toying with the Greenspan inflation thesis. This rests partly on recent experience, as one after another has been safely passed - unemployment below 6.5 per cent, below 6. and now well below 5.5; rising commodity prices (which soon relapsed); and now hourly wage costs rising at over 3.6 per cent. But it also rests on an informed suspicion that the official numbers not only overstate inflation — an old Greespan thesis; they badly understate real growth.

This rests on the known difficulties of measuring services and hightech output. This could mean that the economy has been growing faster than Clinton's 4 per cent not just in the second quarter, but for some months. It could also be the clinching argument when the district presidents get nervous about labour markets. If growth is understated, productivity is understated by exactly the same amount and so, by implication, is the manageable growth of wage costs.

Further, the regional breakdown shows that the US labour market is flexible not only in the bargaining sense: it is highly responsive to local pressures. Payroll growth has virtually stopped in the re-gions with the lowest unemployment, but is growing where the market is slack. This suggests that employers, instead of importing labour to meet local shortages, are expanding selectively where it is still available. Indeed, the US economy is notable not only for non-inflationary growth. but for achieving it during a massive structural change. This is flexibility with neon

Wishful thinking? Perhaps: and certainly vulnerable to any significant pickup in inflation itself. Until then, though, the experiment with what Brusca dismisses as "Xfiles-like strange happenings" may well continue.



THE EMU CLOCK IS TICKING

Mid December

In France, whose ability to meet the Maastricht deficit criteria is seen as the crucial far the markets are prepared arbiter of whether the single to accept slippage from the currency will happen in 1999, most troublesome of the Maastricht criteria, the one limiting deficits to 3 per cent of the public unions have already planned an autumn of strikes and protest marches against gross domestic product. Realispending cuts that they see as tv dictates that most of the an assault on the welfare state. prospective core will do well to There has been much specuget somewhere between 3 and lation, as the budget season 4 per cent on deficits and that gets under way, that Euroeven Germany will settle for that. And if the politicians pean currencies could hit serious turbulence this autumn if decide to go ahead on that financial markets are not conbasis, it is arguable whether

challenge them. Delivering budget cuts is the most pressing and concrete However, this proposition is challenge because 1997 is crunch year. However, this autumn also sees a series of meetings that will discuss some of the thorniest issues that need to be resolved before EMU. They are not as pressing as getting fiscal houses in order, but some progress is seen to be needed if momentum is to be maintained.

the markets will bother to

sion will continue on a socalled ERM II. A two-tier Europe is now acknowledged as a reality. The assumption is that a relatively small core of countries will join a single currency in 1999, with the rest staying outside, either until their economies converge towards agreed criteria or until their politicians decide that they want to join. The "ins" are determined that the "outs" should not be allowed to indulge in competitive devaluations to the detriment of "ins' and want

them to adhere to some form of exchange-rate discipline. Thus far, a usefully meaningless formula has been reached in which there will be some form of Exchange Rate Mechanism II for the "outs". but the issue has been left loose enough that those who do not want to join an ERM II will not have to. Worthy work will nevertheless continue on designing the system, mostly

A combination that continues

Philip Bassett examines the link

between the unions, pay and jobs

There will also be more discussion on access to Target. the new payments and settlements system proposed for the Euro. A row over this has been rumbling under the surface for some months amid allegations that France and Germany are trying to discriminate against the "outs", primarily Britain, in an attempt to wrest more financial and trading business from the City.

Institute, the precursor to a

European central bank.

The most substantive issue of the next few months is the Stability Pact. In its original form, this was a proposal by Germany to impose discipline on members of EMU once the single currency is in place. fining members a proportion of their GDP if they allowed their deficits to drift out of line with the Maastricht limits.

This issue arguably be-A largely technical discus- in the European Monetary comes more important as in-

sions will go on well into 1997. Britain is an important reason to prolong the discussion process. European leaders have already agreed that this year's inter-government conference - the umbrella term for the intensive timetable of meetings on EMU matters will not end until after the British election. The hope is that a new government led by Tony Blair will be more ame-

Union protest march and teachers strike planned in France

terpretation of the Maastricht

convergence criteria loosens.

and yet there has been little

discussion of it. Such talks as

have occurred have been

highly contentious, with a gulf

in thinking between Germany

and others. The Bundesbank.

in particular, does not want to

give up the traditionally

### nable to signing up to EMU and that it is worth postponing decisions to get Britain on with union strength, as mea-sured by the statistical proxy board. That, too, is a proposi-

tion yet to be tested.

# to stoke the political fires

of union density. Union densi ty is lowest in areas which are some way from the traditional union citadels of the North, Scotland and Wales: Greater London (eighth in the density

ship used to be virtually a

Times publishes a computer analysis of data held by the Government on the vexed connection between unions. pay and jobs. Using detailed information from the Government's quarterly Labour Force Survey, a rolling survey of a sample of 60,000 households. The Times shows what may be connections between some of the key forces in the economy.

tion of trade union member-

matter of guesswork but data from the Government-sponsored Workplace Industrial Relations Survey series, and latterly the LFS, now allows estimates to be made about where union members are and what their effects might he. The computer analysis indicates that high levels of union density are associated with lower levels of employment growth. There may, of course, be a number of causal explanations for this including labour market and industrial structures, the changing pattern of industry and business and the demographics of the workforce. But without suggesting that unionisation is the cause of lower employment growth, the pattern is star-

highest level of unionisation -44 per cent of employees are union members. But looking at LFS figures on employment

cent (22,000 up over the period), 0.6 per cent (16.000 up) and 0 per cent over the past two years.

panies such as Sony. Ford and Hitachi investing in the Principality, employment growth has at least to some extent tries such as coal and steel. Using the latest available LFS figures, Wales has the

ment growth of just 2.4 per he North, the North West and Scotland are , also heavily unionised regions, with densities of 42 per cent in the North and 39 per cent in the other two. All are also poor employment performers - ninth, tenth and eleventh respectively - with employment growth of 1.7 per

ranking, at 30 per cent - a higher figure because of the continuing impact of some heavily unionised industries such as docks and transport), the South West Ininth, at 27 per cent). East Anglia (tenth. at 26 per cent) and the South East (eleventh. at 23 per cent). Some of these areas have seen sharp falls in unemployment — down 96,000 and 78,000 in Greater London and the South East respectively. Proportionately, though, these falls of 20 and 17.5 per cent over the past two years rank

the highest proportionate regional drop in the country. Local labour market conditions are likely to be the overriding factor for pay, so that some weaker union areas such as Greater London and East Anglia have over the past two years seen some of the highest increases in earnings, driven

by business growth. But it is clear, too, that some areas of high unionisation £396 and the South East with

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CABLES AAAAAAAAAAAAAA

### afternoon stage what John Edmonds, the GMB general union leader, calls an "indulgence" - debating a miniharder to see? Today The mum wage policy when they know the reality is that, if Labour does win the election. it will be the Government, not

up wages, either through collective bargaining or a shift in public policy such as a minimum wage, companies affected by it will seek to recover their costs by cutting job numbers, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is certain to seize on today's minimum wage decision by the unions and accuse them of

the unions, that fixes its level. But the uneasy combination of events today for Labour and the unions does illustrate the intertwining in the labour market of unions, pay and jobs. Under neo-classical economic theory, if unions push

destroying jobs. Labour and trade union leaders deny this, arguing that there is now clear evidence that a minimum wage in places such as US fast food establishments in New Jersey do not lead to job cuis - but may even have a positive effect on employment. What is the link between unions, pay and jobs? Do heavily unionised areas - geographically, or in sectors of the economy - show clear effects on employment. and pay? Or is the union effect

The geographical distribu-

John Monks, left, and lan Lang lead opposing camps tling. Take Wales. With comtaken up some of the labour market slack created by the all but complete closure of the area's traditional heavy indus-

> change over the past two years Wales is amongst the lowest performing of the UK regions. ranking seventh with employ-

Unemployment seems to have a less clear connection

the two regions only fifth and sixth respectively. The North West, an area of high union density, has also seen a fall in unemployment of 78,000 over the period - at 23.7 per cent,

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have seen some big earnings growth. The North West third in the union density league table - has seen by far the sharpest growth in earnings, according to the LFS figures, with as much as 16 per cent, from a weekly average earnings level of £261 to £304. Yet even with such growth, it lags well behind some other areas, including Greater London which has a level of

Union leaders strongly deny any causal connection between a stronger union presence and lower employment growth but, when coupled with earnings and the minimum wage, further ammunition in the war over the role of the trade unions looks again like featuring in the forthcoming general election.

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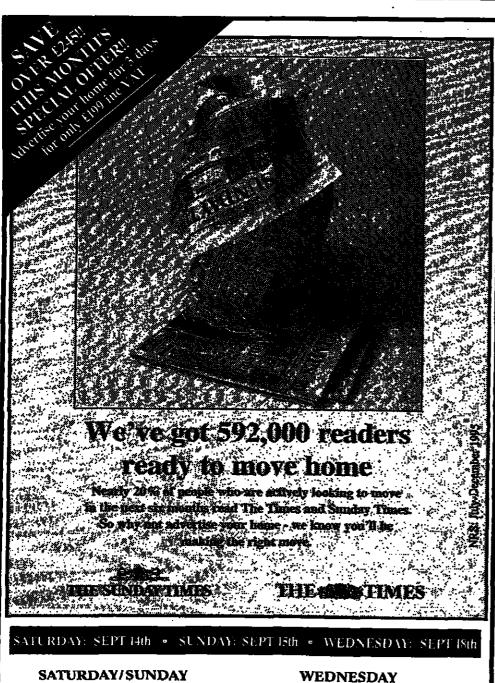
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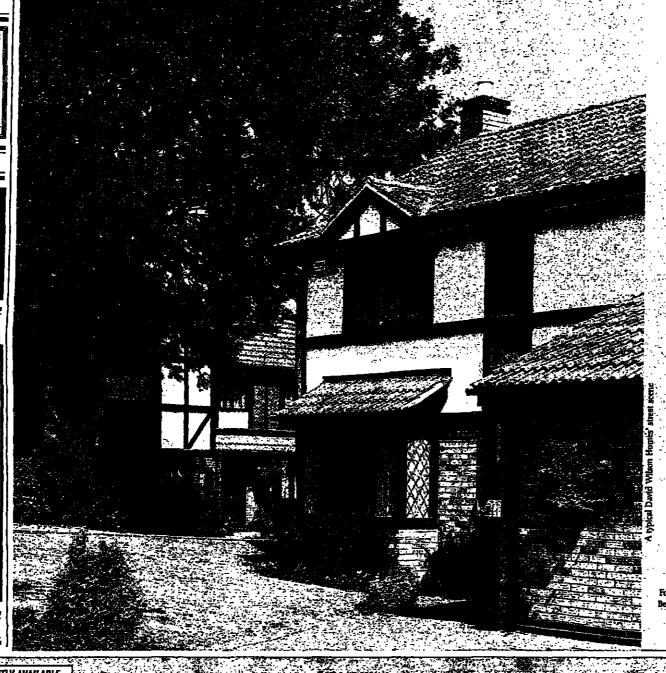
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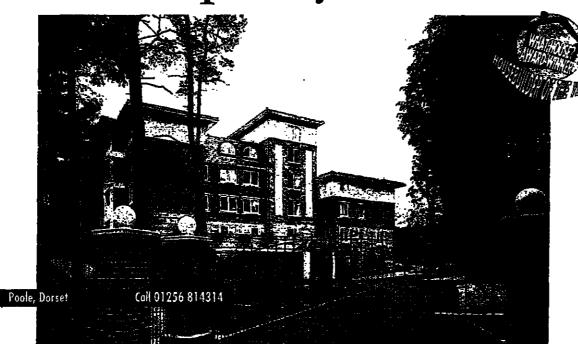
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# Family homes enjoy a recovery

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### **Rachel Kelly**

he most detailed picture of what is happening to house prices in London is shown today in new figures from Winkworth, the capital's largest chain of estate agents. They show the patchiness of the recovery, as the prospects for your des res are determined not simply by the estate agent's mantra — location, location, location — but also by property type.

In general, family houses are doing better than small flats, freehold and long leasehold property better than short leases, and well done-up properties better than their tired or unattractive counterparts. Properties which are blighted in any way, be it by a busy road or a tricky lease, are still languishing. The asking prices may not have fallen, but the actual sale prices are still up to 40 per cent below 1988 levels.

Blackheath. Fulham. Notting Hill, Highgate and Islington are the best performers as the market is fuelled by demand which has built up over the past seven years as families have delayed moving, and further strengthened by low mortgage rates, low inflation, and rising prices.

House prices are up by 10 per cent

House prices are up by 10 per cent over the past six months. In Islington, Hilary Wade, the marketing manager of Winkworth, says: "The typical pattern is that couples who have lived in Notting Hill flats for the past few years, and who are now starting families, find they cannot afford the minimum of £500,000 needed to buy a family house.

"So they are moving to less expensive places such as Islington. The migration from Kensington to Islington has been especially marked in the past few months." Winkworth says that prices for flats in the north London borough have risen by 15 per cent in the past six months.

Lorna Vestey from Knight Frank
has picked out property on the
Phillimore estate and around Victoria Road as the best Kensington
performers

Prices in Knightsbridge have risen by 8 per cent over the past six months, says Winkworth; prices up by 10 per cent in Belgravia, where Chester Square and Chesham Place are the most requested streets, say Knight Frank. In St John's Wood, prices are up 8 per cent. Top streets are Avenue Road, Cavendish Avenue, and Norfolk Road.

In contrast, the outer suburbs have not yet experienced a recovery like central London's. Flats in Croydon,

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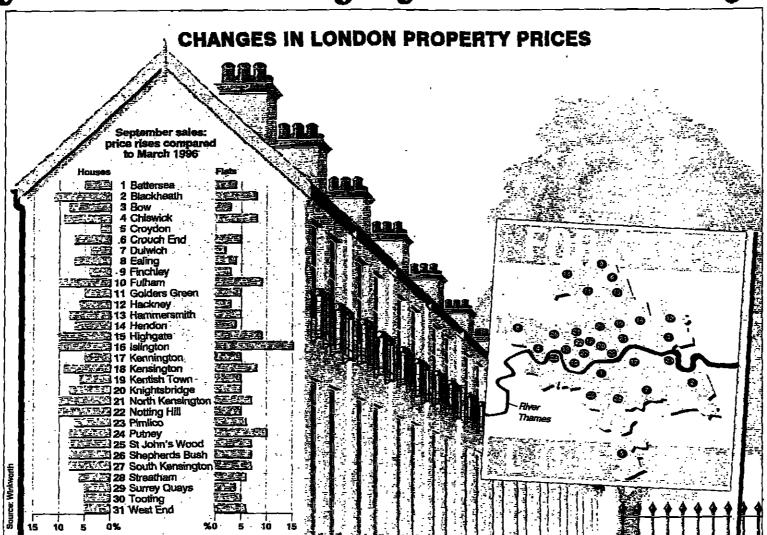
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for example, have shown no change in prices over the past six months which, allowing for inflation, means a fall in value in real terms.

Other areas that are suffering include East Dulwich, Peckham, Catford, and parts of Hackney, including Stoke Newington, although Hackney is benefiting from bordering Islington and being close to the City.

Ms Wade says: "The areas that have suffered most in the past seven years are finding that at last house prices are creeping up. But the same is not true for one-bedroom flats, poor conversions and small or scruffy twobedroom flats." John D. Wood notices a move of well-off families from central London to Wandsworth. Wimbledon, Chiswick and Richmond to be close to day schools. George Pope of John D. Wood says: "In the past, such families might have moved to wherever their eldest child was due to go to boarding school. Now, many more parents are send-ing their children to London day schools." This change has led to price rises in areas such as Wandsworth. where large family houses can now sell for more than £750,000.

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> The areas that have suffered most are at last finding house prices rising

during the past six months. The most popular roads are Tregunter Road, Gilston Road, Smith Terrace and Cheyne Row. In Mayfair, Knight Frank says that house prices have risen by 5 per cent... Grosvenor Square, Hill Street and Charles Street are faring best.

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optimistic figures. But they are probably the best we have. Winkworth has the advantage of selling a greater volume of London property than any other agency, with 31 offices. And as agents point out, London has behaved in a completely different manner from the rest of the country. Knight Frank estimate that London prices are up 9.9 per cent over the last 12 months, while

elsewhere they are up by 2.7 per cent.
Other agents add their voices to
Winkworth's optimism. Louise
Hewlett from Aylesford, which concentrates on properties in Belgravia,
Kensington, Knightsbridge and the
top end of the market, says: "This has
been one of the best years that
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Stephan Miles-Brown, head of residential development at Knight Frank, notes that Clerkenwell, Holborn. Southwark and Spitalfields are all doing well; witness a number of new conversions of moribund commercial buildings to fashionable lofts. Savills, says that July and August have been uncharacteristically busy, and estimates average rises throughout London of 7 per cent since

January. Savills has now increased its forecast of annual rises in London from 4.7 per cent to 10.5 per cent.

But price rises do not mean that it is necessarily an easy market in which to take the plunge. Agents moan about the shortage of good quality property. Increased rents are producing high enough yields to attract investors and speculators in town, and already some hapless London buyers in some areas are finding that they are having to compete with sealed bids.

Roh Thomas, building society analyst with the city firm UBS, says that the number of monthly sales is less than 100,000 in England and Wales, compared with the 1980s 100,000-plus a month. Last year, the Land Registry recorded 110,025 property sales in Greater London.

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So we have not reached 1980s levels, and lack of supply is most endemic in the more pleasant bits of London.

Basically, if you have a wellbuilt, period family home, close to shops, schools and greens spaces, it will probably sell in less than a week for close to its asking price. But you will be unlikely to find anything to buy.

### Living in fear of being swallowed up by the Earth

Old mineshafts lie below houses

— quite where is uncertain

terleigh Road. in Combe Down, a small village south of Bath, sleep ill at night: they fear waking to find their house has been swallowed up by the Earth, Rachel Kelly writes. No, this is no tale of the supernatural, but a story of homes that have been built on top of the old mines that provided the stone for Bath's fine houses. The mineshafts have been known to re-open un-

expectedly.

Two boarded-up council houses are a nagging reminder that the land may be unstable. As a precaution, council tenants were moved three years ago. Now other homes are starting to crack. More than 40 acres of disused shallow stone mines lie below them.

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The problem has long been known about. More than 18 months ago. HM Mines Inspectorate warned the former city council of the possibility of a catastrophic collapse. In 1991 the the Environment Department's land-stability branch said the problem should be dealt with urgently.

More than 400 properties could be affected. In places, the load-bearing rock is less than 6ft thick. Yet nothing has been done, nor will it be in the foreseeable future. Paul Jackson, the chairman of a local forum on the mines, says: "Any solution for stabilising the mines should involve as little infilling as possible. No one

ming as possible. No one wants anything done that would cause the environment long-term damage. We need maintenance and repair where necessary, and to preserve the character of the mines where we can, developing them as a community asset. If they are well looked after, there will be no difficulty with the properties. Otherwise, there could be problems."

could be problems."

Alan May, who lives in the road, is already having difficulties. He said: "The value of my property has

been reduced. It's difficult to

More cracks are appearing around the home of another resident, Edward Perry, When the pensioner moved to the road in 1957, he had no idea of the perils below. Part of the problem was that many mines were not marked on maps.

It was long assumed in Combe Down that infilling the mines, a job with an estimated cost of £29 million, would be funded by English Partnerships, a government agency. But it has agreed only to share the expense of a cost-benefit analysis, a consultants study to find the most economical way of making the mines safe.

One suggestion was partial infilling the waste from a coal-powered fire station combined with cement, known as PFA. Some see it as the cheapest and quickest method: others fear that PFA could contaminate a local spring.

eil Carroll, whose Oxford Place house lies above a high-hazard area, resents the opposition to PFA. "The money was on the table to stabilise the mines," he said. "It has been taken away because some people in Combe Down looked a gift horse in the mouth."

It leaves everyone in Combe Down wondering from where the money will come. Robert Mimmack, Bath and North East Somerset Council's development and environmental services director, said: "English Partnerships is an organisation to help to redevelop areas, but it does not see the benefits in Combe Down that it would get from putting money in derelict land elsewhere."

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may be a report by the end of this month. The report could argue for the Treasury to allocate money to English Partnerships for

### Amanda Loose on the result of an eight-month battle to sell Service houses

ast week, a battle that has raged for the past eight months ended. The Ministry of Defence announced that it was selling its married quarters to Annington Homes, a consortium headed by the Japanese bank Nomura International.

With the recent improve-

With the recent improvement in the market, the Ministry's timing is fortuitous. Its portfolio will be much in demand. Developers are already fighting over 1,250 acres of surplus land at RAF Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire. A consortium of Wimpey, Taylor Woodrow and Westbury plans to build 5,000 homes there.

The MoD is selling at the direction of the Treasury to raise £1.6 billion. The deal is that it will remain the freehold owner of the 57.700 MoD properties in England and Wales. Only their leases have been sold, for 999 years, to Annington Homes.

Surplus housing has been a

long-term problem for the MoD. Before the sell-off. 12,000 MoD houses were empty, approximately twice the number of vacant homes needed by the Ministry to accommodate relocations. The hope is that Annington will be better at managing the housing stock than the MoD was. And thanks to the sell-off, the MoD will off-load 2,700 homes immediately and gain Treasury funds to upgrade its housing stock.

In turn, the developer gains 2.700 empty homes and will benefit from the rent roll. This will be paid by the MoD for the bulk of the remaining 55,000 homes that it is leasing back with 200-year underleases, and which the MoD will continue to manage. After 25 years, Annington will be able to redevelop sites, subject to local planning permission.

The obvious political sensitivity of the sale has meant that there are strict rules governing what Annington can and cannot do. It will be able to remove Service families from estates, but will have to provide alternative accommodation. It will be able to offer a "site exchange" to the MoD, but only if the alternative estate meets firm

A spokesman for NatWest Markets, which is handling the sale, said: "MoD houses will be passed on to the new owner only when an entire A second chance to buy from the Government

block or concentrated area is available. "This is at the behest of the Service families, who want to

remain together. The new owners will be able to do what they like, because the houses will be in a separate area, perhaps across a road, from the existing military site. Some houses cannot be included in the sell-off, for security reasons. Properties at Windsor cannot be sold because they are on Crown Estate land.

"The new owner will have the property skills to develop sites in more remote areas, which the MoD does not have. Some of the houses are a bit dated, but they are structurally sound."

Sales include 50 surplus houses at RAF Brampton in Cambridgeshire. All of the remaining houses at RAF Finningley, in South Yorkshire, will be sold as free-

holds. Like some of the designated sale houses, they are two or three-bedroom semidetached properties. Three are on the outskirts of towns and cities; ideal for young families.

gents say that the sale of good-size public-sector housing, some of which needs restoration, could be reminiscent of the successful council and local authority housing sell-offs in the 1980s.

Nick Hole-Jones of John D.

Wood believes that the sale could help to fill a gap in the market. He says: "The sales will create an untapped source of housing which has not really existed before. The houses will probably be sold at below market value for their cost of building and plot. although they are sizeable. Such properties will help people to get a foot on the

property ladder, they will move first-time buyers out of rented accommodation. "Buyers will be able to put

"Buyers will be able to put their own identity into the house, which will give them collateral, which they can then sell on. This will create second-time buyers, which drives the market.

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"My only fear is that because these prices will be effectively subsidised below their market value, it could be difficult for buyers to make their second step up the property ladder."

Richard Haynes of Knight Frank agrees. There will, he says, be demand if the developers get the price right. He adds: "The MoD properties are a mixed hag, but the consortium recognises that it will have to do a lot of work to make some of the houses more attractive and spend some money. But in selected areas, it will be able to do something quite positive. An extensive period will have to be allowed to sell blocks of

houses.
"Developers might sell some, then add more community facilities. It will have to be a progressive process. It is a fascinating portfolio."

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The Ministry has previously sold some of its surplus properties. Since 1993, about 2,828 MoD houses have been sold, some to individuals and housing associations, but most to property developers. This figure includes just under 100 homes at RAF



Houses at RAF Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire: developers are competing to buy

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# A new Violetta for the Coliseum

café not far na coliseum. It's a few days into rehearsals athan Miller's new traviata a ay English National Opera, and there's a heavy scene, between scenes, over a bowl of taco chips. An American singer fjudging by his voice. his pocket score) is facing an English doctor of medicine (judging by his expression of concern) who is giving him gentle directorial advice. Reach out to her, across that

vast space between you. As if ... it was all your fault that any of this ever happened." But of course the New York baritone Christopher Robert-son is hardly to blame — and nor is Dr Miller for that matter — for all that Rosa

Mannion, singing her first Violetta in this Traviata, will suffer in her short life as Verdi's Dame aux camélias. The role of Violetta is, after all. a natural step for Mannion after her Gilda in Rigoletto at ENO two years ago; and there's nothing particularly daunting in it for her from a vocal point of view. But, as that café exchange suggested, the production itself is likely to

give the withers a wringing. real, that the temptation is to put all that intensity into the voice." Mannion says. "But the emotions mustn't overwhelm what you do vocally. It's to do with pacing the role."

Pacing her own career is something at which Mannion has shown herself expert After three years (1989-92) as a principal soprano at ENO, she has been travelling to Lisbon and Amsterdam with John Gardiner as Dorabella, to Berlin for Rosenkavalier's Soohie, to Paris, to Salzburg, and to Aixen-Provence with William Christie and Les Arts Floris-sants. While she has felt that ENO has been a welcoming home base, Mannion seems to be yet another example of an English singer offered major roles in big European houses but not (except for one

Pamina) at Covent Garden. Not that her career has ever been predictable. It began with a sudden veering-offcourse. At 18 she gave up her place at the Royal Liverpool Teaching Hospital and rushed to Scotland for a last-minute audition at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music. Three years later she was catapulted into Scottish Opera as Adina in L'elisir d'amore, a threeyear contract followed.

"I really wasn't prepared for the business. I hadn't a thue how it all worked." She walked into a stack of hoes in Graham Vick's "farmyard" production of the Donizetti, and was knocked unconscious. At five hours' notice she sang Constanze at Glyndebourne. And she sang the role on tour later, five months pregnant and racing off stage after every aria, sick as a dog.

And now, at 34, Violetta. Yes — a big breath! Violetta is, after all, incredibly bright, incredibly beautiful. And yet, rural poverty, she has no normal way into society. So she has to climb an alternative ladder, in the demi-monde.

"She equates Alfredo young, innocent, clean-cut with her health. She thinks that if she throws in her lot with him, it'll bring back her health. When he leaves her, she nosedives to death. And when he returns, she realises that it isn't enough. Her love of him and her love of life part. That's the only way I can make sense of it."

● La traviata opens at the Coli-seum (0171-632 8300) tomorrow

# Rosa Mannion, as Violetta: "The relationships are so real, the temptation is to put all that intensity into the voice. But the emotions mustn't overwhelm what you do vocally"

### ... and fresh hope in Wales

An opera house may yet be built in Cardiff. Simon Tait reports

ext Monday, al-most nine months after the Millennium Commission consigned the Cardiff Bay Opera House to the list of National Lottery might-have-beens, a new lottery bid starts its perilous journey through the minefield.

It is for a music theatre to provide a home for Welsh National Opera on the same site, and it is supported by the Cardiff Bay Develop-ment Corporation (CBDC). But there any similarity with Zaha Hadid's ill-fated "glass necklace" opera house ends.

This is something else: a partnership between an opera company and a national museum for a joint cultural centre. "The Wales Millennium Centre" is its working title, notable for the absence of that tricky word "opera". The new bid has a 2,000-

seat theatre as big as Hadid's. But it also has a waterfront museum for the National Museum of Wales, a new administrative home for WNO, a rehearsal stage, an Imax cinema and a block of shops. In the words of Michael Boyce, chief execu-tive of the CBDC: "It's simply more for less."

The less is the cost, about 75 per cent of the previous scheme which was wound up in March. That scheme. according to Boyce, had its priorities inverted: design first, then purpose, public support and finally finance. The new Wales Millennium Centre Company is starting with finance and working through to design. No architect is likely to be named before the end of Septem-

Boyce is undismayed by the call from Lord Rogers and the RIBA (in support of Hadid) for architects to boycott the competition to design the new Bay building. "It will not be design-led and it will not be designed by Zaha Hadid. But architectural practices of local, national and international repute have applied," he says.

More than 30 firms have tendered and some on the list are, indeed, very big. "It is outrageous that the architectural profession should seek to dictate who designs buildings, "says Boyce, add-ing that Hadid's design was frankly not liked in Cardiff and, at £94 million, was also expensive.

The new plan is for a building costing maybe £70 million, possibly in the shape of a quadrangle with a central courtyard. And it involves not a single bid but three bids: to the Millennium Fund, the Arts Council of Wales and the National Heritage Lottery Fund.

The official stumbling block last year was the business plan. Cardiff Council saw the original opera house scheme as being in direct competition with a new "millennium" rugby stadi-um, so it would not pledge revenue funding. But now that the stadium has its promise of lottery money. the council has relented provided there is no call on the council-tax payer and no programming competition for the council-subsidised New Theatre or St David's

Boyce is convinced that by November 11, when bids must be in, the plan will be ready. The new hall would open on March II, 2001.

According to Anthony Freud, the director of WNO, the idea that the building will be only for "elitist" opera is a misconception, given that the opera company will be resident for only 20 weeks of the year. "It was always going to be a multipurpose theatre, a more buoyant and a more appealing place than people supposed," he says.



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Donald Fagen, faithfully reproducing (with Walter Becker and the Steely Dan band) classic hits for a mature audience

THE LAST time Steely Dan Reelin' in played in Britain the bestselling artists of the day in-cluded the Rubettes and Rick Wakeman. Dinosaurs were no longer walking the earth, but their tracks were still warm. the years Steely Dan's 1974 UK tour was never completed, nor revisited. They resumed their role of studio gods and contin-

ued to craft some of America's most consistently imaginative Last year's undervalued rock music of that or any era. Alive in America album had set the scene, gently breaking had left the studio amid disafin the idea of the latterday fected muttering, seemingly Steely Dan Orchestra that started touring the US in 1993. So as the years of rumoured That group featured the most rapprochement became realiconsummate, sympathetic coty and transatlantic reports workers performing fastidious were returned of unmistakselections from the band's able Steely Dan sightings, catalogue. But the anticipation excitement grew among those of such an event in a Wembley of us who had made do for a hangar in the mid-1990s still generation with our crackly lent an air of mild disbelief, as vinyl editions of Katy Lied, one played an unsuccessful Pretzel Logic, Goucho and the rest. Could Walter Becker and round of spot-the-teenager in

the mature audience. Becker and Fagen, pictures of oblivious coolness, led a spotless nine-piece band into Dan's studio years (perceived,

Steely Dan Wembley Arena

Do It Again, which was not featured on the live record but had undergone a similarly tasteful jazz reinvention that also served well on Reelin' In The Years and Rikki Don't Lose That Number. Then came Bad Sneakers, each intro greeted with the frisson of viewing a museum exhibit that suddenly starts moving after 20 years in its case.

No sign, either, of the perceived lofty dissidents of Steely

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record, and if its pleasures are a little less

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latterly, through the thick gauze of only the occasional encounter with the press). Fagen, not renowned for his communicative skills, was even to tell us from beneath his shades: "You're great — this is going to be fun."

He was right, too. The duo's deserved reputation for musical precision may have meant this was not the most spontaneous show of the season, but you could only marvel at such pristine renewal of Steely Dan myth, from Hey Nineteen to Green Earrings to Kid Charlemagne and another dozen of their recorded glories.

There was even Becker's introduction of the new composition, Jack of Speed, a piece very much in keeping with the group's tasteful middle age, which they threaten to record this winter for an album to appear "sometime during our lifetime". We waited this long: another few years among Dan fanatics will fly by.

some of the material as it might have been

had this concert been at the end rather

than the beginning of a tour. This is not to

take away from the occasionally inspired

solos of violinist Jill Morley, whose

virtuosity was displayed to full effect on

The Mountain and the finale, Northern

Older favourites, such as the atmo-

spheric Cradle and the rarely played

Washington Square, were excavated

from the superb 1991 album Love, and it is

songs of this calibre that make you

wonder just why Heidi Berry has not had

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firm, dark tints of its lower regions to its light, everbrightening upper register, brought the colours and energies of a mythic Gallen-Kallela canvas to the long narrative of Under strandens granar (Under the fir trees by the shore). Originally planned as an orchestral tone-poem, the song plays out a waternymph's seduction, amid resounding echoes of both the Finnish folk-hero Lemminkainen and the darker German Erlkönig.

And then the clear mountain air of Grieg. Even when setting the German language. his songs ring with the cadences of his native folksong: minute of it. Her obvious love for this repertoire is beginning to be matched by an everdeepening engagement with the songs of Schubert. Her brisk, intense performance of Der Wanderer an den Mond was thought-provoking; her choice of the harrowing and challenging Totengrabers Heimweh entirely characteris-

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pianist Bengt Forsberg had indulged themselves - and a far from unwilling audience in an orgy of little-known but rapidly addictive Swedish Golden Age song. They went back to that turning century on Saturday, gently wooing the audience with two songs by Hugo Alfven from 1908. Sibelius and Grieg followed and, in a programme to be

Strauss, it was these compos-ers' settings of German poets which dominated. Sibelius's beloved Finnish nature-poet, Johan Ludvig Runeberg, was not forgotten, though. Von Otter is a great advocate of these still underperformed songs, and the full range of her voice, from the

completed by Schubert and

Von Otter/Forsberg Wigmore Hall

After four Richard Strauss songs came three encores: a tiny Grieg song: Percy Grainger's The British Waterside; and a final, visionary Schubert, Im Abendrot.

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THEATRE I

Diana Quick leads the cast in a West End staging of Diane Samuels's moving Kindertransport



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Herman Melville's dark novella Bartleby is superbly adapted for the stage by Red Shift





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.. while the TGV, and other modes of travel, is celebrated in music for 3,000 children

THEATRE: Jeremy Kingston on two successful fringe transfers

# Rats in the attic

new play has opened in the West End, You may wish to read that sentence again, for it contains a statement rarely unered. Take a glance at the theatre ads opposite: thirty-something major ven-ues, and if the RSC and National are left out of the calculation, and musicals likewise, we have a choice of only nine straight plays, seven of them revivals and the other three, a "saucy comedy" and two thrillers, permanent fixtures.

Without the outlying fringe of smaller theatres London would be offering little new work capable of striking the heart like a match. It was at such a theatre, the Cockpit, off Lisson Grove, that Diane Samuels's Kindertransport blazed into the memory of those who saw it in 1993. At long last, and after productions in New York and five other American cities, in Austria. Germany and Sweden, the play has managed to reach

Kindertransport Vaudeville

a commercial theatre in the West End, where it is again directed by Abigail Morris. whose Soho Theatre Company first presented it. Her production was seen at Watford earlier this year.

Thanks to Robert Browning. Britons who have not actually met a rat-catcher pic-ture him dressed in red and yellow, playing a pipe to lure rodents to the river or children into a mountain cave. On the Continent he is altogether more sinister, and the story of der Rattenfänger terrifies eight-year-old Eva when her mother reads it to her.

Eva is menaced by other terrors, for this is Hamburg in 1938 and her family is Jewish. After Kristallnacht her mother (Sian Thomas) makes the agonising decision to send her to the safety of England. assuring her that she and the

child's father will follow shortly. War breaks out before they can do so, and the play raises this fearful, unanswerable question. Would the children who never saw their parents again have been - how can one put this? - happier in the long run, to have died with their families in the camps?

Samuels sets her play in the attic of the comfortable Manchester house now owned by middle-aged Evelyn, the brittle, chilling woman Eva grew up to become. Her own daughter Faith (Dido Miles) is setting up home and Evelyn is examining the neatly packed boxes — everything in her life must be neat — to supply Faith's material needs.

Her emotional needs she has difficulty supplying, for the past must be concealed, at all costs. Eventually the childdestroying rat-catcher is identified, shockingly, as everyone who once felt they were acting as the child's saviour. In Morris's smoothly flow-

thartic power is so strong that occasional stiffnesses in the writing are cavils too minor to itemise. Diana Quick's brusque Evelyn also begins stiffly until, with her cry of alarm at the resurfacing past, she sends shivers down the spine. What Samuels does so well is blend past and present time, so that Jean Boht's Lil. the good-hearted, no-nonsense woman who adopts the child, telescopes 40 years into a single breath. Julia Malewski's Eva, her heart deadened, perches on a pile of

suiteases staring at the person

she became.

Wall St blues

The extra turn of the screw comes when, against all odds, Eva's mother survives the war. The rear wall of Tom Piper's set flies up and Thomas, fearfully changed, walks cautiously to meet the daughter who dares not welcome her. The last request she makes of the child echoes in the memory as an expression ing production the play's ca- play so honestly reaches.

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Nigel Hastings (Ratcatcher), Julia Malewski (Eva). Jean Boht (Lil) and Diana Quick (Evelyn) in Kindertransport

## **MYSTERIES OF ANCIENT CHINA**

The British Museum's magnificent Mysteries of Ancient China show opens on Friday. Richard Cork continues a daily series highlighting the exhibition's glories



## Human-like head

ALTHOUGH this outstanding sculpture was discovered with 40 other heads in a pit at Sanxingdui, only two of them are decorated with gold leaf. So the features depicted here might belong to someone with an exalted status. His ears project sharply from his head, prominent enough to suggest an unusual ability to detect sounds at a great distance. He seems to widen his mouth in a confident smile, but there is something sinister about the extreme thinness of his lips.

This is, surely, an implacable man. His eyes, untouched by the gold leaf, are rendered as stylised lines. They appear to be all-seeing, and the green bronze brows above them stretch in expansive curves across his forehead.

When the head was first buried around 1200 BC, the gold would have extended to the base of his chin. Only the long neck, the eyes and brows would have been left untouched and the head was probably crowned by a cap. He would have appeared even more impersonal than he does now. The gold leaf gleams in the light, suggesting either supernatural powers or the capacity to thrive in the spirit world.

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by tells of a mild-mannered young man who obtains a position in a respectable Wall Street law office, where he works with sober efficiency until, one day, he finds he can do so no longer. When his employer, Mr Standard, asks the reason, all he will answer is: "I would prefer not to."

MELVILLE'S novella Bartle-

He sits at his desk; he stands staring out of the window; he does nothing. The other clerks are variously outraged but months pass before Standard, a man of compassion, can bring himself to dismiss the man. When Bartleby won't leave the premises Standard is obliged to move his firm eisewnere, Bartieny is conveyed to prison where, courteous to the end, he perishes.

We are left to assume that he became paralysed with horror at the endless dreary

life of a copy-clerk, trapped in a street of walls. His polite expression of revolt disconcerts a system that requires unquestioning subservience, and in Jonathan Holloway's production for Red Shift, Simon Startin, with his strange ly unfocused gaze upon his anxious employer (Edward Halsted, excellent), he conveys passive desperation to a quite astonishing degree.

The entire production was of the strong this year's Edinburgh Fringe, and Larry Lane's ac aptation preserves the artful delicacy in Melville's storytelling. Recommended.

## Enjoyable nights of novelty FOR its final pair of Proms the

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production

BBC National Orchestra of Wales fielded its chief guest conductor, David Atherton, on Sunday night and its conductor laureate, Tadaaki Otaka, on Monday, Barry Millington writes. The Spanish theme ran prominently through the former concert, with Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio espagnol. de Falla's El Amor Brujo, and a real novelty: Five Negro Songs by the Catalan composer Xavier Monsalvatge.

The jazz rhythms and harmonies of the Negro Songs recalled Milhaud, but what made them special was the subtlety of scoring, lending a wonderfully smoky, positively louche air to several of them. Particularly delightful was the Lullaby for a Little Black Boy. crooned by Della Jones to the manner born. Jones was also the soloist in the Falla, bringing her worldly wise delivery to the Song of Painful Love and other vocal items. Atherton secured warm coloration from the orchestra and enough rhythmic impetus in the Ritual Fire Dance to galvanise the attention without pummelling the listener. Colour is a dominant concern in Takemitsu's composi-

tions, not least in Star-Isle. the first work of the concert under Otaka. I enjoyed Otaka's sympathetic handling of this short but graphically atmospheric score. Less gratifying was the account of Rachmaninov's son was the longed-for disc Piano Concerto No 3, with Leif jockey-cum-courier as the Ove Andsnes the inexpressive BBC Concert Orchestra, con-

Anthony Powers's Sympho-my, commissioned by the David James Music Trust and receiving its world premiere, is a substantial, four-movement work. Some of the primary material is not unduly promising — the ungrateful writing for horns was not helped by the slithery execu-- but Powers makes imaginative use of it. It returns to satisfying effect in the finale, before which there have been two movements even more impressive: an invigorating Scherzo in which hunks of sax-driven sound are hurled around, and a long-breathed, richly sonorous elegy.

THERE were some complaints, I believe, that at the Proms Family Concert a fort-



night ago there was no friendly presenter on hand, Hilary Finch writes. Well, at the Junior Prom (the first ever of its kind, and featuring at least 3,000 children), Tony Robin-

BBC PROMS: The BBC National Orchestra of Wales in Spanish mood; plus a whistle-stop tour at the Junior Prom

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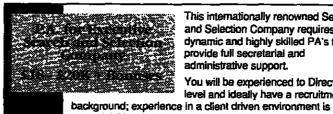
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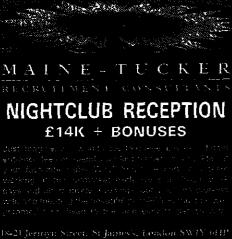
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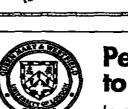
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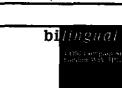
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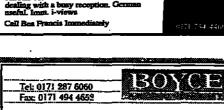
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**RUGBY UNION** 

## England rule out Australia bid for tour finale

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

CONFUSION within rugby union is not confined to the British Isles. Yesterday, one end of the world believed an international match between England and Australia would take place at Twickenham on December 7 while, at the other end, the fixture was denied, albeit with some reluctance.

Discussions, which began at the International Rugby Football Board's tours committee meeting in Cardiff last week, ended with the announcement in Sydney of an additional match in the tour by Australia to Italy, Scotland. Ireland and Wales this autumn. The traditional game with the Barbarians was to be shunted back to midweek. John O'Neill claimed, and the touring side would play England on the Saturday instead. Not only that. According to O'Neill, the Australian Rugby

Union's chief executive, there

Britain and Ireland every four years. "We are delighted by this outcome," O'Neill said, though surprise was more the emotion of his counterparts in the northern hemisphere. Ray Williams, chairman of

the four home unions' tours committee, hastened to redress the balance with the full support of the Rugby Football Union (RFU). "A proposal was put to a recent meeting of the committee that Australia play England rather than the Barbarians on December 7," Williams said, "But the Barbarians' match against the touring team is a very special fixture. It was agreed that it was not possible to change the international calendar at such

short notice. "We did look very hard at a number of alternative ways in which a grand-slam fixture might be accommodated, but the difficulties were insur-mountable. Over 30,000 tick-

## **Anglo-Welsh matches** off to chaotic start

IT MAY have seemed like a good idea at one time, but the Anglo-Welsh tournament began this week in a state of disarray (David Hands writes). Though it has re-ceived the official sanction of the respective unions, the management and competition rules are sadly lacking, one attractive match has already dropped by the wayside, and the hastily-contrived television coverage has fallen through, if only temporarily.

The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) believed it had in place an arrangement with BBC Wales and S4C, the Welsh language channel, to cover the game between Neath and Bristol last night, and the one at Bridgend tonight, where Wasps are the visitors. But the broadcasters, unhappy at the level of cooperation they have received from the clubs, have withdrawn, though they will meet the WRU later this week.

As usual it is the players who could rescue the tournament: Bath and Swansea, for example, put genuine XVs on ground tonight, the English club fielding their imports from Wigan. Henry Paul and Jason Robinson. against a Swansea back division including Scott Gibbs. Richard Webster plays in the Bath back row against his old club for whom Anthony Clement appears at full back after an II-month absence.

ets have already been sold for the Barbarians match at Twickenham and, all in all, we consider it in the best interests the present arrangements stand."

The fact that England have full first-division league programme on December 7 may also have been germane to the argument, given the poor state of relationships between the RFU and the leading clubs. The clubs, assuming they have not broken away entirely and denied their players international matches then, are already destined lose their leading lights to England for a fortnight when the national team plays Italy (November 23) and the New Zealand Barbarians (November 30), and for a further week prior to the game against

Argentina (December 14). An RFU spokesman admitted that a fixture with Australia would be hugely attractive. "But there is an equal attraction for the Barbarians game and the clubs propose to support the Barbarians," he added. As matters stand, the Australians will play Italy (October 23), Scotland (November 9), Ireland (November 23) and Wales (December 1).

But O'Neill did make the point that the southern-hemisphere powers could not rely exclusively on fixtures with each other. "I think we recognise Australia playing New Zealand and South Africa all the time is not for the better-ment of the game," he said. "If there is this perceived gap [in playing standards — and I think the results show there is a gap between southern and northern-hemisphere rugby the way to close it is to play each other more regularly." ☐ Wales will name a squad today for the game with France, in Cardiff on Septem-

## Childish delight denied to big names



Midweek View

nd for a moment the thought occurred, perhaps the old farts were right after all. On Sunday I was with 8,000 people watching 30 men playing professional rugby union at a football ground, and the talk was all of big money and big hits, television revenue and the next superstar signing.

The farts have been blown away by the typhoons and hurricanes of change. Rugby union has gone spinning and reeling into the post-fartist world, where the sport you love is called "the product", its unique beauties are called "the image" and the standard wisdom of the time is that "we're part of the entertainment industry". And everywhere, men in sharp suits or sponsored boots are dancing on the grave of fartism.

Fartism must not pass unmourned. Certainly, fartism. as skewered by that stray remark of Will Carling's, has been for years a nonsense. But like many other nonsenses. fartism has at its heart an important truth.

True fartism was, of course, a hypocrisy. It was based on an untruth: that rugby union was an amateur game. Fartism believed its own lie: that payment by backhander and favour was morally superior to a wage. The game became an increasingly crazy and tottering structure, and, in the end, it had to collapse.

And so rugby union is now a professional sport, like rugby league, like football, like Formula One motor racing. Which is all very well as far as the end of hypocrisy goes. But

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Hill (left) and Fry, two sportsmen from different eras with different approaches to their sporting pursuits

at the heart of fartism was the kernel of truth: that there is some good in real

Let us go back to Formula One and to Damon Hill as he clipped the tyres at the chicane during the Italian Grand Prix last Sunday. One moment he had the world championship in his hand: the next as if he were a man seizing a handful of water, it had gone.

He was wearing overalls, fireproof boots and a huge helmet, the camera only caught him in long-shot, and yet it was impossible to miss his despair. The carriage of the head said it all. This was not the disappointment of a man having a bit of fun on a Sunday afternoon. No. this was deep and bitter anguish.

This was a man whose entire life, his entire being, his entire conception of his place in the universe depends on his prowess at driving in motorcar races. An error cannot be laughed off, for it asks the most profound and uncomfortable questions about the

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nature and meaning of his life. That is why Formula One is riveting to so many people; that is why sport commands such massive worldwide attention. We see people playing spectacular games for the highest possible stakes. And their elation and their despair fills our screens, our living rooms, our minds. And it is, in a way, too much.

Ask a professional actor about the difference between professional and amateur theatre, and you will always get the same answer. One has as its priority the pleasure of the audience, the other the pleasure of the cast.

s an amateur, you can take defeat and victory in your stride and know them for the impostors they are, because for you, it does not matter. That glorious cross-country ride at Potton, that defiance of the Nicky Bird XI, that saving of Mark Wong's penalty: simple joys I have known from simple kids'

Had my life, or my livelihood, or my sense of self-worth depended on such moments, how much greater would have been my triumph? And how much greater my despair at that rider-led refusal, that dropped catch, that missed cross? No. Ghastly. Doesn't bear thinking about.

Sports were not supposed to be played for such high stakes. They were always supposed to be a bit of fun: laugh off both victory and defeat with a quip and handshake, and a shared beer. Games are there to play intensely, in the knowledge that neither victory nor defeat really matters. And so you lose for an afternoon the responsibilities of adulthood in a child's game.

All sport was once like this: : what you did as well. Think of C. B. Fry, who played cricket and football for England and. as a little bonus, held the world long jump record for 21 years. But he was not a professional sportsman: what he was, was a classicist. Sport was what he did as well

Modern sport does not begin to compare with such things, with such a time. It is professional, and therefore, intense to the point of lunacy and beyond. Sport was never intended to bear such things, the weight of the ambitions of a lifetime, of a nation. But it does, and from that lunacy comes the compelling nature

of modern professional sport. We live in an age of sporting madness, as any unbiased skimming of these pages will tell you. No professional rugby union player will have a light heart this weekend; it is more than his job is worth. Rugby, like every other elite sport, cannot possess the simple light-hearted joys that every amateur knows.

That thing that the old farts valued had already been gone for years from elite rugby union, but that did not mean it was worthless. We who play for simple-minded fun. we who play from mere childish delight, possess something that the great athletes of the

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TENNIS: MILLIGAN PRODUCES COURAGEOUS PERFORMANCE BUT GOES OUT AGAINST SECOND SEED AT BOURNEMOUTH

## Rusedski benefits on day of mixed fortune for Britons

BY ALLY RAMSAY

EVEN the best-laid plans can go awry, especially when the plans involve playing tennis during what passes for the British summer. In a chill and overcast Bournemouth. Andrei Medvedev, the No 4 seed, was sent packing by Tom Kempers, a qualifier ranked 512 in the world, Greg Rusedski was preparing for a tough first-round match against João Cunha-Silva, only to face a last-minute replacement, while the No.2 seed. Felix Mantilla, had to work much harder than he thought to get past Luke Milligan. It was that sort of

All things considered, Rusedski fured better than most. Ten minutes before he was due to go on court he was told that Cunha-Silva, from Portugal, had an injured knee and had pulled out. His place was taken by Bernardo Mota, also from Lisbon, but ranked 327. a fact that made Rusedski's day a lot brighter actually I was quite pleased," he said with the customary grin. No wonder: he dismantled Mota's challenge, 6-1, 6-2, in a fraction

under an hour. It has been a disappointing year for Rusedski so far. He has almost done well, pushing Becker, Sampras, Courier and Rosset to the limit but never quite making the breakthrough. Meanwhile, his ranking has slipped to 75 while Tim Henman has stolen the limelight and the computer points. Suddenly the novelty seems to have worn off both Rusedski and his career.

"It all has to do with maturing as a player," he said.

Your first year or two on the tour you are not expecting to beat the big players, you're more relaxed and it is easier to concentrate. I think, at the

moment, my concentration has to be at a higher level. I'm not losing matches because of my game, but because of the mental side."

Not that Mota was going to tax Rusedski's intellect too much. Serving better than he has managed in the past few weeks, sending down ten aces, he was simply too good for Mora. But with Rusedski there is always the danger that his game-plan can have the subllety of a sledgehammer with the touch to match. Against Daniel Orsanic, from Argentina, he may not find life quite

It certainly was not easy for Medvedev. For two hours, he struggled to get to grips with the green clay beneath his feet and failed miserably, losing 6-7, 6-1, 6-2 to Kempers, of Holland. By his standard, it has been an unhappy year for Medvedev. Two years ago, he was ranked No 4 in the world.



Bruguera: straight-sets win

now he languishes at 31 with only one title to his name this

Transferring from the hard courts at the US Open to clay has been difficult. For some reason, I couldn't adjust," he said. This is my first time on green clay and it is very different from red. It is slower and harder to make winners."

Milligan's day was better than he had expected. Playing Mantilla, the No 2 seed and No 16 in the world, he put up a fine fight but could not match the power of the 21-year-old Spaniard and lost 6-4, 6-1. His plan had been to trade shots from the baseline for a couple of games to see what Mantilla could do and then take a few risks to see if he could stop him. Sometimes it worked, more often it did not. But all in all. Milligan was not too

His summer has been productive, reaching the third round at Wimbledon and claiming his place in the Britain Davis Cup squad. But although the brief spell in the headlines was enjoyable. Milligan's present aims are a little more down to earth. His ranking is not affected by his fame and his next goal is to break into the top 180 and out of the round of challenger tournaments.

But before that - "I have four tournaments coming up where, hopefully, I can get my ranking up" — there is that matter of the Davis Cup in ten days' time.

In one of the few matches to go according to the form book. Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, the Marques, of Portugal, 6-1, 6-2.



Rusedski launches a powerful service on his way to victory over the replacement. Mota

Habsudova (Slovaice) bt A Glass (Ger) 6-4, 7-6; P Schnyder (Switz) bt M Sánchez Lorenzo (Sp) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; R Bobkova (Cz) bt M Desc Oltes (Ang) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; L Cenkova (Cz) bt L Meekhi (Geo) 6-1, 8-0; K Nowak (Poi) bt V Martinek (Geo) 6-1, 8-0; K Nowak (Poi) bt V Martinek (Geo) 6-1, 8-0; K Nowak (Poi) bt V Martinek (Geo) 6-1, 8-0; K Nowak (Poi) 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; S Hack (Ger) bt K Kroupova (Cz) 8-3, 8-3; S Dopter (Austria) bt P Langrova (Cz) 8-3, 8-3; S Dopter (Austria) bt P Langrova (Cz) 6-2, 6-4; R Dragomir (Rom) bt S Pátowsto (Pr) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; S Talaja (Cro) bt B Fulco-Villelle (Ang) 6-1, 6-3; D Chladkova (Cz) bt S Cacchini (f) 6-3, 1-0 ret, K Studenkova (Slovaka) bt E Wegner (Oar) 6-2, 6-3; E Gagkardi (Fr) bt S Kleinova

**GOLF** 

## England's nap hand threatened by Scots

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

HISTORY suggests that Scotland will win the women's home internationals, which start at Longniddry, a few miles east of Edinburgh, today. England, the defending champions, are seeking their fifth consecutive title, but on the previous two occasions that they attempted to win five in a row, at Prince's in 1974 and Royal St David's in 1979, they were thwarted by the

Last year, at Wrexham, it seemed as though Wales might triumph for the first time. They beat England for the first time but, on the final day, lost narrowly to Scotland and England took the trophy. Linda Bayman, England's exuberant, if sometimes tactless. captain, was so delighted she offered to buy Gladys Cadden. the Scotland captain, a large whisky. The suggestion was scotched as quickly as it was broached, for the Scots just hate the thought of helping the Auld Enemy win at anything. let alone golf.

This year, in terms of Curtis Cup players — those who participated in the defeat of the Americans at Killarney in June - the sides are evenly matched. Scotland boast Mhairi McKay and Alison Rose, and England have Elaine Ratcliffe and Karen Stupples. McKay and Ratcliffe will be partners again in November, when they join Janice Moodie in the Great Britain and Ireland side to contest the Espirito Santo, the women's world amateur team championship, in Manila.

Moodie is not available at Longniddry because she is at college in California and England have lost the experience of two Curtis Cup players: Lisa Educate, who has turned professional, and Julie Hall, vho is now the Ladies' Golf tournament administrator.

England, who play Wales today, have drafted in Emma Fields, of Falmouth, to replace Sarah Gallagher, the English strokeplay champion, who had to forgo her debut because of injury.

Ireland, a side with a look

that is nothing if not experienced, but who last won the IN BRIEF

## White's season stalls at the start

JIMMY WHITE was beaten 5-3 by Brian Morgan in the opening round of the Asian Classic in Bangkok yesterday and, on this form, will struggle to bounce back from the worst season of his career (Phil Yates writes).

White, who failed to figure in a single semi-final last season, led 3-1, having produced a 33 clearance to steal the third frame on the black. However, Morgan, the world No 49, from Southend, assumed control in the latter stages as White grew increasingly impatient with his own til inability to flow.

Steve Davis, also attempting to erase the memory of a poor 1995-96 campaign, beat Stephen Murphy, of Dublin, 5-2, while Ronnie O'Sullivan had a swashbuckling 5-1 win over Steve James.

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## Sibling rivals

Motor racing: Raif Schumacher, younger brother of the Formula One world champion. Michael, is set to join his sibling on the grandprix circuit next season, according to Bild, the German daily newspaper. It said that Ralf, 21, who leads the Formula 3000 standings, would sign for the Jordan team before the Portuguese Grand Prix in Estoril on September 22.

#### Becker setback

Tennis: Boris Becker was forced to retire from his firstround match in the Romanian Open yesterday when he suffered a recurrence of the wrist injury that ended his Wimbledon campaign. The world No 6, from Germany, was trailing the unseeded Christian Ruud, of Norway. 5-3 in his comeback match at the time.

## Jalabert leads

Cycling: Laurent Jalabert, of France, kept his overall lead after the fourth stage of the Tour of Spain from Albacete to Merci yesterday. Jalabert, the winner last year, finished in the leading group of five riders and avoided trouble two kilometres from the end when a dozen riders were brought down on roads made

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BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament: Men's singlest. Third round: F Cultibert is F Gentry 21-19. A Mitchell bit is Wood 21-15. R Cook, bit M French 21-13. S Tatrial bit J Ferguson 21-19: N Bishop bit W McGough 21-7, Co Motigan bit G Rossiler 21-19; J Knob. 21-7: 0 Mongarior Hussian 21-15, 1748 by C. Pearce 18-17 (time expired). R Biddlecombe bt T Dewey 21-15; L Hawton bt T Williams 21-16. A Brockwell bt A Dempsey 21-10; J Newman bt H Gold 21-11, D Hoddinott bt A Dodd 21-6. G

Edson bi C Terry 21-2, D Poole bi L Emminigham 20-18; J Stevens bi C Fornest 21-13; P Waiten bi B Jones 20-17; C Johnson bi P Durran 21-9; A Morton bi S Smoock, 21-6; D Botting bi J Wilson 21-12; C Harrington bi C Crawlord 18-10 (bine expired), B Fernwick bi F Heyman 21-0; M Winchies bi D Smith 21-18; C Weiher bi J Food 21-16; M Home bi R Botting 21-9; F Poen bi J Griffiths 20-19; D Briscoe bi K Lawrence 21-9; R Acott bi J Wife 21-12; R Newbold bi B Saughter 21-16; K Weyand bi K K Wood 21-3; F Marsh bi C Kiddy 21-13; L Elis bi P Bing 21-15; W Norman bi J Herris 21-10. Women's singles; Second round: R Coteman bi M Medinust 21-14, J Durrant bi 21-10. Women's singles: Second round: R Coleman bit Medhurst 21-14, J Durrart bit J van. Herzeale 17-16 (time expirad): S Griffitis bit P Hutchins 20-11, C Hawton bit M Harn 21-17. J Stem bit J Humphres 21-8; B Ansell bit M Topp 21-8

TOUR OF SPAIN; Fourth stage (Albaceta lo Murcia, 166 Stem); 1, T Steele (Bell) Maper 3hr 52min 52sec; 2, M Wust (Ger) MX Onda, 3, G Lombardi (II) Polix; 4, A Guenetvea (Sp) Euskaul, 5, L. Jalabert (Fr) ONCE: 6, S Wessemann (Ger) Telekom, 7, T Hottman (Hoft) TWM; 8, B Corne (II) Songno; 2, P Chanteur (Fr) Petit Casino, 10, A Edo (Sp) (Aeime, 13, M Sciandir (CB) Motorola all same nma Overati stampings (alter lour stages); 1, Jalabert 16tr 4mn 10sec; 2, F Baldaio (II) MG at 4sec, 3, Lombardi al Bsac; 4, J Wemer (Ger) Telekom at 19, 5, Wessemann at 24

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THREE-DAY EVENT WORLD RANKINGS: 1, B Tail (NZ) 424pts; 2, A Nicholson (NZ) 367, 3, M Todd (NZ) 340; 4, D O'Cornor (US) 293, 5, M Ryan (Aus) 281; 6, I Stark (3B) 250, 7, J Toulane (Fr) 212, 8, A Hoy (Aus) 199

RYDER CUP: Standings: 1, C Monigomene (GB) 140,701 57pts, 2, M A Marin (Sp) 87,050,00; 3, S Torrance (GB) 85,250 00; 4, M A Jimenaz (Sp) 54,813 33, 5, P Curry (GB) 50,135 00; 6, P Minchell (GB) 45,365 00° 7, C Rocae (I) 43,820 00, 8, S Ballesteros (Sp) 34,993 33, 9, G Orr (GB) 32,613 33; 10, I Woosnam (GB) 29,640 00; 11, J Haeggman (Swe) 23,772,50; 12, T Bjorn (Den) 23,243 33; 13,

R Coles (GB) 22,031 67: 14, D Clarke (GB) 18,813 33, 15, A Lebouc (Fr) 19,250.00; 16, P Broachurst (GB) 17,986.25; 17, R Chepman (GB) 14,750.00; 18, F Lindgren (Swe) 14,490.00; 19, M Roe (GB) 13,986.50; 20 equal; M Lanner (Swe), L Westwood (GB) and A Oldcorn (GB) 13,766.25 Westwood 13,765.25

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SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Asian Classic: First round (England unless stated): P Ebdon bi N Foulds 5-4; M Williams (Weles) bi W Thome 5-4; D Harold bi J Ferguson 5-0: S Daws bi S Murphy (re) 5-2: R O Sutivan bi S James 5-1; B Morgan bi J White 5-3; A Drago (Matla) bi S Phuchulaem (Thal) 5-2. **TENNIS** 

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BUCHAREST: Men's tour round: G Bianco (Sp) bi J :

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BOGOTÁ, Colombist Men's tournement: First round: F Sentoro (Fr) bt P Campana (Eou) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; J Sénchez (Sp) bt Minon (Co) 6-4, 6-3; L Amold Jávig) th M Tobon (Co) 6-4, 7-6; N Lapenti (Eou) bt D Hàd (Co) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; G Ette (Arg) bt C Drada (Col) 7-5, 0-6, 6-4; M Hadad (Col) bt D Naintin (SA) 6-4, 6-2.

PRAGUE: Women's tournament: Pratround: K Studenkove (Stovakie) bt E Wagner (Ger) 6-2, 6-3; D Crizadkove (Ct) bt S Cecchini (t) 6-3, 6-1 KARLOVY VARY, Czech Republic: Wor en's tournament: First round:

# **▶**HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This hand is from the Cavendish Pairs tournament in New York.

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Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: ace of spades

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Although North-South have a his low diamond obediently, combined 25 HCP between them and a heart fit, game is not a good proposition. The typical defence started out with ace, king and a third spade; East ruffed with the nine of hearts and was overruffed with the ten. Declarer drew all the trumps, and led the ten of diamonds from dummy. At a surprising number of tables, East, taking a quiet snooze, forgot to cover this, and now the only diamond loser was the ace.

The American experts, Kit Woolsey and Billy Pollack, did considerably better. Woolsey led a top spade, on which Pollack played the five of spades and South the four. As East-West were using standard signals, Woolsey now knew his partner had either the singleton five or the queen, as with a doubleton ten of spades he would have played that card on the first trick. It was therefore safe to continue with a low spade, and since he wanted a diamond back now, he played the nine as suit preference. Pollack took the

and Woolsey now found the guaranteed way to beat the contract by ducking this trick.

(Cz) 6-7, 6-1, 7-6; F Perfetti (ft) bt S Farma (ft) 8-3, 6-1 ATP TOUR RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,543pts; 2, M Chrang (US) 4,010; 3, f Muster (Austria) 3,752; 4, G Ivanisevoc (Cro) 3,161; 5, Y Katelnikov (Russ) 3,059; 6, Belocker (Ger) 2,785; 7, W Ferrera (SA) 2,701; 8, R Krajicek (Holl) 2,434.

REAL TENNIS

CANFORD SCHOOL: British Land Rove

Declarer was faced with an insoluble dilemma. He could not draw all of East's trumps, as Woolsey would have four spade tricks to cash when in with his ace of diamonds. He did the best he could by playing three trumps finishing in dummy, and leading a diamond to the queen and king. But Woolsey now gave his partner a ruff and took the contract one off. In a way, Woolsey was unlucky to find his partner with a diamond honour, as he would have beaten the contract whatever his partner's diamond

holding. Notice declarer's error at trick one; he should have followed with the ten of spades, to leave West uncertain as to whether his partner had the doubleton five-four of spades, or his actual holding.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

STRUTHIOUS

a. Esoteric b. Like an ostrich c. Slow on the uptake

VERRUCOSE a. Respectful b. Sleepy c. Covered in warts

a. A multiple of six b. Sadness c. Feather-headedness MACROLOGY

a. Weather forecasting b. Long talk c. A euphemism

KEENE  $ar{o}$ n CHESS BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Chess in China

To correspond with sponsorship by The Times of the Mysteries of Ancient China exhibition at the British Museum, which runs from this Friday until January 5, I shall be running an occasional series mentioning oriental games in general and Chinese

games in particular. Indeed, the strongest open tournament held in Asia took place in Peking late last month. The joint winners were Atalik, Ulibin. Landa and Lin. with 71 out of 11. Here is one of Atalik's games, in which he forced Wang Yaoyao to resign.

White: Wang Yaoyao Black: Suat Atalik Peking, August 1996 Grunfeld Defence

3 Nc3 Nxc3 Be3 Rbt b6 Bxd7+ Nxd? Ne2 0-0 14 Bg5 Rd7 Rade Rbc1 Rc7 Rxc6 Rtc1 22 Rxc6 23 g3 24 Bxd4 Bxd4 25 Ac7 Bc5

Ng3 Ke2 Rc3 Re3÷ Ne4 Kd2 Rxf3 Bb4+ Kd3

Diagram of final position 

White resigns

abcdet g Bank of China Cup

Apart from playing Western chess, the Chinese also have their own version, with elephants, a catapult piece and the board divided by a river. Equally, if not more, popular in China is the ancient board game of go. On Sunday, September 22, the Bank of China Go tournament will be held in London Prospective players and spectators should contact Alex Rix, the organiser, on 0181-533 0899 or e-mail alexander.rix@sgw.com.

Times book

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## WINNING MOVE

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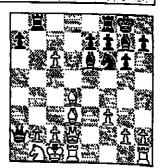
28 g4 29 g5

Rd2

Kg7 Rc2

Black to play. This position is from the game Morin - Alain, Mon-treal, 1983. This position arose from the Dragon Variation of the Sicilian Defence. The Dragon is characterised by the placing of the black king's bishop on g7 and the activity of this piece is often crucial to Black's chances. How did black activate this bishop in spectacular

Solution on page 44





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# Wary Ferguson plots path to ultimate prize

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Manchester United start out on manager Alex Ferguson's ultimate mission, to win the European Cup. against Juventus in the Stadio Delle Alpi tonight, they should not fall for one of the bigger myths circulating on the Continent. The word is abroad that Juventus have meddled with the maxim: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

They have, but not necessarily fatally so. Those who think that the club of the Agnellis has sold out, cashed in on winning the most coveted prize, are only looking at the sales side of a frenzied sum-

mer's trading. True, Fabrizio Ravanelli is on Teesside and Gianluca Vialli is comfortable with Chelsea. True. Juventus also offloaded Paulo Sousa, the intermittently brilliant creator, and gave retirement And they also are without the cavalier right back. Moreno

DESPITE the sunshine and

civility, Zurich could prove to

be the site of an exorcism for

ons have arrived with a det-

ermination to purge them-

selves, against Grasshopper-

Club tonight, of the frailties

they showed at this point last

season. Then, at the start of

the group phase of the Euro-

pean Cup, they lost 1-0 to

The defeat was particularly

galling because despite the

tone of the result, Rangers had

never planned to fight a grind-

ing rearguard action. The

team selected that night by

Walter Smith had, in prospect,

a vivacious appearance and.

accordingly, the glum perfor-

mance was all the more baf-

fling. The perplexity lingered

and none of the six Champi-

ons' League fixtures was

There would be consterna-

tion if Rangers' prowess was

to be so mysteriously nullified

once again, but the side does

now enjoy the protection of

greater self-belief. After the

10-3 aggregate victory over

Alania Vladikavkaz in the

qualifying round, Rangers no

longer need to wonder wheth-

Steaua Bucharest.

Torricelli, and the thoughtful Vladimir Jugovic, both suspended tonight.

So, more than half a team of champions is missing. But the £17.5 million that the sale of 15 players raised is balanced by the purchase of nine individuals costing £18.4 million.

Juventus will be led tonight by a three-man attack - Christian Vieri, 23, the big centre forward bought from Atalanta, Alessandro Del Piero to his left and Alen Boksic to his right.

Ferguson knows Boksic well, respects and fears his ghostly talents. With Marseilles, the Croat was a stealthy match-winner, with Lazio he under-achieved and. on Sunday, while Vieri notched his first goal for the club. Boksic missed plenty in a 1-1 draw at Reggiani.

Behind them, Zinedine Zidane, the new creative force from Bordeaux, supplied enough ammunition for Juventus to have conquered Reggiani comfortably, though he will take time to find his rhythm. And behind him.

Smith relying on

attack to banish

ghosts of the past

By Kevin McCarra

er their skills are applicable in

be the personal property of

Ally McCoist when he scored

a har-trick against the Russian

champions inside the first 20

minutes in the away leg, but

his availability this evening is

in question. "His hamstring is

still feeling a bit tight, even

though we didn't play him

against Motherwell on Satur-

day," Smith said. It is likley.

nonetheless, that the forward

assurances regarding the ex-

act composition of the side, he

was entirely clear about its

intent. Even if McCoist is

absent, his place will go to

another forward, Peter van

Vossen, and, with the presence

of Gordon Durie and Brian

Laudrup guaranteed. Rangers

will take the risk of fielding

than we did in Bucharest."

Smith said. Last year. Rangers

suffered two savage defeats,

4-1 and 4-0, at the hands of the

European Cup's eventual win-

ners, Juventus, and the chas-

tened Scots were left to a

period of deep and painful

"We hope to threaten more

While Smith could offer few

will start the match.

European football.



Ferguson: balancing act

Paolo Montero, a Uruguayan son of a durable and redoubtable defender, has stepped into Vierchowod's shoes.

So, wait to judge what is happening to the European champions. Roberto Bettega, the former goalscorer turned executive vice-president, insists that the game he and Marcello Lippi, the coach, are playing is one of responsibility. Given the post-Bosman

reflection. The new assertive-

ness is one consequence of

Tentative strategies were

alien to a Juventus side bent

on overwhelming opponents

from the earliest moments of a

match. Their performances,

and those of AC Milan at their

best, have swept away the era

when the trophy was generally won by the cautious and the

cunning.
When bravado is required.

Rangers cannot help but look

to Paul Gascoigne, even if the

after-effects of the Achilles

tendon injury that recently

troubled him are still appar-

ent. An occasion such as this.

in any case, usually provides

the Englishman with the stim-

ulus to overcome his body's

but this match will also be

viewed by Grasshoppers as a

up for crucial fixtures in

Group A against Ajax and

Auxerre. Although, like Rang-

ers, the Swiss failed to win a

Champions' League game a

year ago, they do possess some

troubled England in the open-

ing game of Euro 96, is

partnered in attack by the

leading scorer in Switzerland

last season. Viorel Moldovan.

a Romania international. The midfield will, unexpectedly,

include the teenager, Johann

Vogel, who played with such

His recovery from knee-

ligament damage has been

rapid. Some elements of the Grasshoppers side, though,

are, for this evening at least,

beyond repair. Two centre halves. Alexandre Comisetti

and Boris Smiljanic, are sus-

pended, and the veteran de-fender, Alain Geiger, is

injured. For a side as aggres-

sive as Rangers, such weak-

ness may amount to an

RANGERS (probable, 3-5-2): A Goram — G Petric, Pf. Gough, J. Bjorldund — A Clelend, P. Gascough, S. McCall, G. Dune, J. Albertz — A McCosst, B Laudrup

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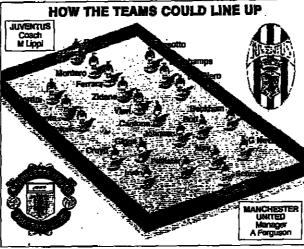
respected talents.

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Rangers have their hopes

those deliberations.



treedom exploited by star players, they have offloaded rather than waited until contracts expire; they have bought youth for seniority and they have backed their judgment in the ultimate gamble — that the reinvigorated team can sustain itself and journey on into

the next century. This facelift to la vecchia signora, the old lady of Turin, makes sense when you re-

FOOTBALL: RANGERS DETERMINED TO START CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE PROGRAMME IN POSITIVE FASHION

member how Gianni Agnelli. until last year the club benefactor, always deplored rampant inflation, and warned Bettega that a balance to keep the club whole was required.

United's own balancing act, of youth groomed at The Cliff training ground plus players brought in, may have made them more ready for the wiles of the Continent than in previous years. "We can't keep

singing the song of being unfortunate," Gary Pallister. the centre back on whose fitness United wait, said. We've got to learn our les-sons. Barcelona two seasons ago sticks in the mind. We've got to accept our mistakes in Europe, to realise that Europeans are more comfortable on the hall than English sides."

Pallister said that on the day Manchester United completed the double at Wembley in May. Ferguson went further. He spoke about the tactical naivety of the English abroad. admitting that his own feelings had been to go overseas and attack almost without caution in the way that United can get away with at home. For that reason, and Fergu-

son's admission that he does not know his best team nor the full qualities of his imports, do not be surprised if Karel Poborsky, the crowd-pleaser of last Saturday, is not in the line-up here. Poborsky thrilled with his adventure, but United are chastened by misadventure and the frequency with which the Czech gave the ball

can do without

Additionally, be sure that Ferguson was no more fooled by the shadow boxing of Elland Road, the compliance in United's performance of a woeful Leeds United that gave the Caspian board the excuse to replace Howard Wilkinson with George Graham.

Similarly. Eric Cantona. allowed the freedom of his old stamping ground on Satur-day, must now come down beneath the Alps to the reality that he will be marked closer than a second cousin by Juventus, and that United, in their 4-5-1 containing formation, will rue the absence, the force of the injured Roy Keane.

Having acclimatised on the pitch yesterday evening, the English champions must hope above all that Ryan Giggs has overcome his bereavement. after the untimely death of his stepfather, Richard Johnson. Giggs, and the rest, need to think of nothing but the performance, to recall the words of Sir Matt Busby: "Play the match, not the occasion."

Robson's Teesside revolution puts club £9m in red

By Our Sports Staff

MIDDLESBROUGH ended more than £9 million in debt after winning promotion to the FA Carling Premiership last year - and have since spent another 521 million. The massive cost of the Bryan Robson revolution on Teesside was confirmed by club accounts yesterday. Since the date of the accounts, July 1995, Robson has signed Nick Barmby, Juninho, Emerson and Fabrizio Ravanelli

The transformation has been masterminded by their multimillionaire chairman Steve Gibson, who persuaded Robson to move from Manchester United just over two years ago. In Robson's first season in charge, wages doubled to nearly E5 million. But the huge investment means Middlesbrough have a chance of capturing a leading trophy this season for the first

time in their history. Neil Cox, their defender, said vesterday: "We're in with a shout of winning some-thing. We needed to buy in the summer and the manager has bought two very good players in Emerson and Ravanelli. They've made a huge difference to the team.

"You can't rule us out of the title. I'm not saying we're going to do it, but this time you cannot disregard our chances. We're feeling very confident, the spirit in the club could not be better and we've got some world-class players.

Gary Mabbutt, the Totten-ham Hotspur captain, was last night waiting to undergo an operation to have a metal pin inserted in the left leg be fractured on the opening day of the season.

An X-ray revealed that Mabbutt needs surgical help to allow the fractured bone to heal properly and it means his original estimate of being back in the game before Christmas is now delayed. He said, though: "I'm still determined to play again this season

The setback, however. could prompt Tottenham to increase their £2.5 million bid to sign Slaven Bilic, West Ham's Croatian centre back. who has been offered a year's extension of his three-year

contract at Upton Park. Gerry Francis, the Tottentalk about players who are under contract to other clubs. but we made several bids for new players, even before all the injuries we've had this season, and had them

rejected.
"I can't see us ever trying to buy one player for, say. £15 million, like Newcastle have for Alan Shearer, but I do have money to spend and there is no doubt I still want to get new people in if I can."

Sheringham, Tottenham's England striker, is awaiting results of a scan on his pulled thigh muscle to see when be can return to action. He missed Tottenham's last two games - defeats against Wimbledon and Newcastle -

The original estimate for his recovery was three weeks. but he is unlikely to be back for the visit to Southampton on Saturday. Dean Austin. the full back, could be in the squad, however, after making good progress from his knee operation in the summer. He is due to play in another friendly match tonight.

# to QPR

TERRY VENABLES, the former England coach, has ended speculation that he could return to Queens Park Rangers, by pledging his future to Portsmouth. Venables had been among the names put forward as a possible successor to Ray Wilkins, who left the London club by mutual consent last week. But. yesterday, he said he is happy with his new post as director of football at Fration Park.

Venables, who took QPR to the FA Cup Final in 1982 and the old second division title the following season, said: You won't be seeing me turn up at Loftus Road in the next couple of days. As far as I am concerned, it is business as normal - and business as usual for me is Portsmouth Football Club.

Venables's decision leaves Chris Wright, the QPR owner, still searching for the right man to try to take the Nationwide League first division club back into the FA Carling Premiership at the first time of

"We have seen one or two oble, but the current mana gerial merry-go-round has changed the picture." Wright said. "Someone we thought might be available isn't and someone we thought wasn't available is. I'd like to have someone in place before the weekend, but I don't think we'll get there."

Joe Parkinson, the Everton midfield player, has signed a new five-year deal with the Premiership club, ending speculation of a move to Celtic. Parkinson, 25, had been watched by the Scottish League premier division club. but Everton have managed to convince him his future is at Goodison Park.

Joe Royle, the Everton man-ager, is tipping Parkinson for international honours "He has got better and better. He is a well-rounded, modern midfield player, who I can eventually see coming into England contention." Royle said.

from Bournemouth by Mike Walker, the previous Everton manager, said: "It's always nice to be connected to a club of Celtic's stature, but they don't come much bigger than the club I'm at."

## **Venables** rules out a return

By Our Sports Staff

Parkinson, who was signed

# Meanwhile,

after being injured while training with England.

## RESULTS

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Managers wary of trigger-happy chairmen After Howard Wilkinson became the latest man shot out of office, Russell Kempson asks who is next in the firing line?

McCoist is expected to play despite a hamstring problem. Photograph: Mark Leech

WORD-WATCHING

STRUTHIOUS

(b) Like an ostrich. A term of contempt for middle management. "What I admire most about you, James, in your summer schedules and forward planning, is your ability to be single-mindedly and self-consciously struthious."

Rangers will be looking to Gascoigne for inspiration

(c) Covered in wartlike growths. Suitable for cursing, under the guise of blessing. "Bon voyage, Anne Marie. May your path be smooth, your mind ever lively and your hands always

(c) Inability to concentrate. Not, as might be imprudently assumed, après-sex activities. Useful when completing the "nature of illness" section on your sick-leave application form.

MACROLOGY (b) Long and tiresome talk. A nimitty of words. A macrologist is a bore. When cornered by one at a party, you steer him (note not her), still talking, to the nearest professor of aesthetics. "I would like you to meet one of our leading macrologists," you say, then

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Bruce Rioch started the rot, when he was dismissed by Arsenal. Ray Clemence left Barnet, Sammy Chung departed from Doncaster Rovers and Alan Ball called it a day at Manchester City. Andy King was relieved of his duties at Mansfield Town, Ray Wil-

kins and Queens Park Rangers bade a mutual farewell, and Leeds United showed the door to long-serving Howard Wilkinson. Barely three weeks into the season, seven managers have bitten the dust - plus Kenny Dalglish, Blackburn Rovers' rarely seen director of footcollected more than a solitary point from their opening five ball. Only Clemence can claim to have parted company on the friendliest of terms. having accepted a coaching

next for the chopping block? Ron Atkinson, of Coventry City, and Ray Harford, of Blackburn, are prime candidates. In the heat of the FA Carling Premiership, sustained failure is not tolerated too long by chairman with

itchy trigger fingers or

role with Glenn Hoddle's new

England. So, whose neck is

son fail to arrest the slide. And

supporters tongues. Atkinson, despite having spent almost £18 million in 19 months since he replaced Phil Neal as manager, appears to be no nearer discovering the secret of success at Highfield Road. Coventry have played well in patches this season but, with such an expensively assembled and supposedly multitalented squad at their disposal, they should have

"There is no talk of ultimatums or crises here," Bryan Richardson, the Coventry chairman said. "We just need a bit of luck to get a win and improve our confidence. 1 don't see any need to change things at the moment." Not quite the dreaded vote

of confidence but Richard-

son's concluding "at the mo-

ment" is perhaps a hint of

things to come should Atkin-

then what do Coventry do? Gordon Strachan, Atkinson's assistant and heir apparent, is being groomed to take over next season yet, surely, he is also partly responsible for Coventry's present predic-ament. In the event of change, should he go, too?

ohn Salako, the Coventry winger, puts the onus on the players. "People keep saying "you're too good to be in the position you're in" and, when you look around the side, you think there's no way we should be at the bottom." he said. "But we're tired of looking at each other and thinking that, we've got to pull things together. If we don't start getting results soon, we're going to be in trouble

Harford faces a similarly perplexing problem at Ewood Park, with Blackburn also having taken only one point from five outings, but Tim Flowers, the Blackburn and England goalkeeper, has asked for patience. "In the last four years, we

have finished fourth, second. first and seventh," he said. "Except for possibly Manchester United, any club in the country would want that record. We haven't started well this year but we didn't last season either, and yet only narrowly missed qualifying for Europe.

The fans must realise we are rebuilding again, after losing Alan Shearer, and the players are determined to put things right. Kenny Dalgiish didn't just buy and buy and win the league, we had to work hard at it. That's what we've got to do for Ray."

Though George Graham has replaced Wilkinson at Elland Road, with almost indecent haste, Arsenal have yet to instal Arsène Wenger at Highbury. Nagoya Grampus

Eight, Wenger's club in Japan, want the Frenchman, 47, to complete his two-year contract, which is not due to expire until January. "We will have problems if he leaves the team early," Masaharu Teshima, a Grampus spokesman, said yesterday.

QPR are still looking for a successor to Wilkins. They are unlikely to appoint a new manager before their Nationwide League first division match away to Norwich City tonight. Terry Venables, the former England coach, now director of football at Portsmouth, was believed to have headed the shortlist. Yesterday, however, Venables ruled out a return to Loftus Road.

Wilkins has yet to decide his future but, after playing for Wycombe Wanderers against Luton Town on Saturday, he turned out for Coventry in a testimonial match for Gordon Hunter, the Hibernian defender, in Edinburgh on Monday night. "It's now time to sit down and take stock," Wilkins said. "I've had a lot of pleasant phone calls from a

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est in Dermot Weld's Gordi for Saturday's St Leger, cutting his odds from 7-1 to 6-1. Henry Cecil's Canon Can also attracted sustained support in the Cesarewitch, and is down to 7-2 (from 5-1). Also in demand was Orchestra Stall, who was cut to 7-1 (from 8-1).

**RACING:** DONCASTER STAGES CLASSIC CONFRONTATION AS TITLE BATTLE INTENSIFIES

# Cecil rallies troops for final assault

By Julian Muscat

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CONSIDER the following socnario: a man of immeasurable wealth takes over at ailing Manchester City, plucks the best footballers from neighhouring United and turns them on their old club to claim the title in the dying weeks.

That, in essence, is the script unfolding on the Turf as Saced Bin Suroor, at present heading the trainers championship, takes a narrow advantage over Henry Cecil into the St Leger meeting at Doncaster today. So tight are the margins that the lead could change hands twice

during the afternoon. Bin Suroor and Cecil are two dominant entities, from

## RICHARD EVANS

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disparate cultures, both housed within a decent canter of each other at Newmarket. Extra poignancy is added because Bin Suroor, handed some of Cecil's best ammunition, has used it against his

opponent with a vengeance. The crux may come at Ascot the week after next, when Cecil aligns Bosra Sham against Bin Suroor's Mark Of Esteem and Charnwood Forest in the valuable Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. Bin Suroor's guns were honed at Cecil's munitions factory; they were redeployed after Cecil's acrimonious sacking by Sheikh Mohammed, Godolphin's founder, nearly 12 months ago.



Bosra Sham, Cecil's talented 1,000 Guineas winner, returns to the fray in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on September 28

The sheikh has left Warren Place but his lingering influence is readily detectable. Cecwhose cupboard was stripped bare of older horses, launched an all-out assault on the three-year-old prizes and achieved notable gains. Bosra Sham and Lady Carla scored direct hits on the fillies' classics and Dushyantor went

close in the Derby. By mid-June, Cecil had a lead of more than £400,000 in earnings. Bin Suroor, a former Dubai policeman, must have been sorely tempted to book Cecil for speeding. But the balance shifted perceptibly in mid-summer as the emphasis favoured the older horses. Charnwood Forest and Classic Cliche, former residents at Warren Place, annexed valuable Royal Ascot prizes while Halling extended his domi-

nance over ten furlongs. It has now reached the point where Cecil's prize-money earnings, at El.230,500, trail Bin Suroor's by some £15,000. This is a crucial week for both

parties; Cecil opens at Doncasier today with three live chances in Out West, Corradini and Eva Luna, who competes against his adversary's Russian Snows in the Park Hill Stakes.

The most important verdict will be delivered when Cecil's duo of Dushyantor and Flying Legend cross swords with Bin Suroor's Sharaf Kabeer and Pricket - the latter another ex-Cecil charge — in the £225,000-added St Leger on Saturday. But the battle rages

on all fronts: the two men are responsible for six of the 14 entrants to the group three Select Stakes at Goodwood on

the same day. Such is the intensity of the chase that Rob Hartnett, Coral's racecourse representative, was unusually hesitant over the outcome. "Quite frankly," Hartnett said, "I'd prefer to bet on the outcome of a toss of a coin. If we were making a book I suppose the Godolphin stable would be a notional favourite at 5-4 on.

Perhaps the contest is best amplified through the careers of two juveniles, one from each camp. An encounter between Reams Of Verse and Bint Baladee is scheduled for the May Hill Stakes at Doncaster tomorrow. The pair will ptobably renew rivalry in the El00,000 Fillies' Mile at Ascot two weeks later. The two fillies met at Newmarket 19 days ago, when Reams Of Verse inched out Bint Baladee. The race between their respective trainers is likely to be as close.

## For The Present can pounce late to win Portland

DONCASTER CHANNEL 4

35: Just Visiting, Double Gold and Song Mist all like to three the page, which could be up this nursery for for Of The Wind, The Silver Kite filly can be forgiven a below-par effort at Newcastle last time where she was poorly drawn, and is better judged on her previous winning effort. Mystic Circle has shown decent form in small fields. while the booking of Willie Carson for the nursery debut of Stygian catches the eve.

3.10. Russian Snows, runner-up in tast year's Irish Oaks and winner of a group two race in France, has shown her best form on softer going, although today's ionger trip should suit. Eva Luna will appreciate the step up in distance after winning the Galtres Stakes under a vintage ride from Pat Eddery. She had a hard race when fighting back to head Time Allowed, and I tancy the latter to gain revenge on better terms.

3.40: Blue Iris produced a career best effort when beating Clan Chief at York three weeks ago, and a reproduction of that effort should suffice here. She should get a lead from the speedy Westcourt Magic and Pat Eddery takes the ride. Lucky should confirm Lingfield form with Fond Embrace but prefers a sharp Speed On looks a bigger



## ON TELEVISION

4.10: Bold Effort, second in this race last year off a stone higher mark, is a most interesting runner. After showing nothing here this season, he won a race in France over a mile before finishing third in a decent five-furlong handreap and. judged on last year's form, is thrown in here. The pace looks like developing down the middle and towards the far side with Cyrano's Lad. Double Quick, Sylva Paradise and Perryston View all liking to race prominently. This could be seed up for a horse coming off the pace and the shortlist includes the Dettori-ridden Sea-Deer. Bolshoi and Lago Di Varano.

However, I like the look of For The Present, who won the Stewards' Cup two years ago and ran particularly well on unsuitably easy ground at Nottingham 17 days ago, having been badly drawn on his two previous outings. Successful over five and six furlongs, he should go close for the excellent apprentice Fergal Lynch,

RICHARD EVANS

3.50 SOUTHERN MOBILE HANDICAP

(2) 0214 SHANA 99 (B.F) R Hamon 3-3-13 Dar (3) 0233 SHANNE DANCER 13 F1 S Jove 4-8-12 (6) 0000 E-85V CHOCE 6 (G) P Middell 4-5-7 (5) 0042 STRAT'S LEGACY 17 (D.F.G) D Atouthord 9-7-10 MI

4.20 RUBBING HOUSE CONDITIONS STAKES

9-2 Dest Life, 5-1 Resing Dough, Filial, 6-1 Apollono, Shaha, 13-2 Shiring Danis 12-1 St. Academy, 16-1 others

4 181 0205 SELMIRSTRAIN H.YER 25 (DD.F.G.S) J Bary 5-9-12
P Roperts (5) 25
5 (4) 3006 SHAMANIC 25 (D.F.G.) B Harmon 4-8-12
Dame O'Neil 83
6 (1) 1-80 ADMANY 27 (D.F.) H. Hounson Joses 3-9-5
R Hills 88
7 (2) 3-40 DEFINED FEATURE 32 (D.F.) M. Slotes 3-8-5
N. Wights 93
8 (5) 4603 MARIL 22 (B.B. Results) 3-8-5
S. Sanders 97
9 (10) 5-906 PRENDS CA 12 (B.D.F.G.S) R. Harmon 3-6-5
A Whetan (3) 90
10 (9) 3020 TROPICAL DANCE 7 (D.F.G.) Mr. J. Geol 3-9-5
Mattor Devec (5) 94

Matin Devet (5) 94
3-1 Green Perhane, 4-1 Espartero, 6-1 Defuned Feature, 13-2 Tropical Gance 7-1
Loch Patrich, 8-1 Seffuestpart Flyes Mail, 10-1 others

STAKES (2-Y-0; £3,550; 6f) (16)

(£4,358: 1m 4l 10yd) (13)

## **DONCASTER**

THUNDERER

1.30 Benny The Dip 2.00 Corradini

3.10 EVA LUNA (nap) 3.40 Blue Iris 4.10 For The Present 4.40 King Of Sparta

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 BLUE IRIS. Our Newmarket Correspondent; 2,00 CORRADINI (nap). 2.35 Catechism. 3.10 Eva Luna.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.30 queen's own yorkshire dragooms conditions stakes 

FORM FOCUS

BENNY THE DIP beal Surgeon 2941 in 10-runner marker at Newmarket (71, good) DESERT STORY beat Imperral Scholar 144 fir marker at Newmarket (61, good) as soft) SEE OF CORREGION about 6'Al 44h ol 6 to Turnbleweed Pearl in conditions Selection: OUT WEST

2.00 SITWELL ARMS MALLARD HANDICAP (£10,290: 1m 6/ 132yd) (10 runners) 

1995: GREY SHOT 3-9-12 L Delton (5-2) I Balding 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CORRADIMI 1/41 3rd of 21 to Clerkerweil in the fore Eoor Handscap at York (1m 61, good) CANDLE Handscap at York (1m 61, good) CANDLE Handscap at Associ (2m 41, good to firm) on perulternate start. HEGHELYING beal Vifiegoplatura neck in a 4-numer handscap at Repeal vit in 61 good to firm). TUDOR ISLAND 5 2nd of 7 to Flying legend in Abandscap at Remarket (1m 11, good to soil) GENEROSA beal Marglat Jerkeb 41 in a 6-numer mander at Salisbury (1m 61, good to hims). Selection: CORRADINI (map)

2.35 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CARRIE RED NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0 fillies: £17,730: 61 110yd) (22 runners) BETTING 6-1 Calectrism 10-1 Hoth Pyer, Nightbird, Stygsan Undercove Agent 14-1 Farewell My Love Bloes 1985, MY BRANCH 8-13 M HIUS (8-1) B Hins 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

TUNIVI FOUGS

AUST VISITING head 2nd of 6 to Tumbleweed Pearl
or conditions race at Thersh (6f, firm) Aug 96, with
SKYPERS FLYER (5th better off) 41 3nd CATESKYPERS FLYER (5th better off) 61
ONCHONSHIT WITH VOIL (5th better off) 151 4th
TOP OF THE WIND beat Due Future 11 in nursery at
Newastle (71, good) for firm) on peruditinals start. HOH
FYER beal lest fine When need in maiden at
Kempton (6f, good) STYGIAN beat Becaman 151
in maiden at Folkschone (5t. good to farm)
Selection: STYGIAN

Newbory (71 64yd, good) on peruditinals start.

SPECIALISTS

DONCASTER: Trainers: S bin Suroor, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%. M Fetherston-Godley, 6 from 23, 26.1%; H Cecil, 23 from 90, 25.6%, J Gosden, 32 from 146, 21.9%, M Stoute, 20 from 97, 20.6%; B Hitls, 26 from 137, 19.0%, P Cole, 10 from 53, 18.9%; L Cumani, 9 from 53, 17.0%.

from 53, 17 0%.
Jockeys: C Rutier, 3 winners from 16 ndes, 18 8%, M Hills, 27 from 148, 18 2%. Pat Eddery, 34 from 193, 17 6%. W R Swanburn, 23 from 132, 17 4%. L Detton, 28 from 177, 15.8%; D Biggs, 3 from 20, 15.0%. W Carson, 29 from 208, 13 9%, V Darley, 32 from 236, 13.6%.

## GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 G0000 TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hali 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

COURSE and destance winner for -- usuame awourile on takes; race) Going on which horse has more (F -- firm, good to firm, hard. 6 -- good. S -- soll, good to soft, heavy) Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handisapper's taking.

3.10 stones bitter park hill stakes (Group III: Fillies: £21,044: 1m 6f 132yd) (6 runners)

(2) 2211-26 RISSIAN SNOWS 21 (F.S) (Godolphin) S bin Surger 4-9-8 ..... L Dettori 95 (1) 411412 BEALCHAMP MADE 21 (C.F.S) (E Person) H Cardy 4-9-3 .... G Carer 90 (3) 2711-002 BEYOND OOUBT 46 (F.G) (The Queen) Lord Humingdon 4-9-3 W R Swindown 88 (5) 11 EVA LUNA 20 (F) (K Abrokish) H Card 4-9-3. Pat Eddeny 88 0-2122 TIME ALLOWED 20 (F) (A Barnett) M Strote 3-8-5

SETTEMS: 2-1 Bra Luna, 11-4 Time Allowed, 4-1 Beauchamp Jade, 9-2 Russian Shows, 8-1 others. FORM FOCUS

RUSSIAN SNOWS 21 3rd (Tater disqualified and placed 6th) to Key Change or group 1 Asian United Table 24LDWED head or lested race at United Table 24LDWED head or lested race at United Table 24LDWED 44LDWED 4

3.40 DONCASTER BLOODSTOCK SALES SCARBROUGH STAKES (Listed race: £11,268: 51) (9 runners) 

FORM FOCUS

ANZID beat Alleacht short-head in group III race at Leopardstoren (54, opport on peruitemate start WESTCOURT MAGEC 5%) Sife of 11 to Carcarda in Riside race at Neumarket (61, good to soit). CRIDET POOL beat Zingy's Dancer 294 on 3-namer conditions race at Carcarda (51 Zing), which was a conditional start of the carcard and conditions race at Sandown (54, Emm) on peruitemate start LUCKY PARKES beat Bowden Rose neck in conditions to the Carcard Sandown (54, Emm) on peruitemate start LUCKY PARKES beat Bowden Rose neck in conditions.

4.10 TOTE-PORTLAND HANDICAP (£17,316: 5/ 140yd) (22 runners)

BETTING: 7-1 Cyrano's Lad. 10-1 Lago Di Varano. Thei Man Again. 12-1 For The Present, Sca-Deer, Sir Joey. Todburnov. 14-1 Bold Ellort, Burshor, Prayston York Safet Express, Sylva Panadise, 16-1 others 1985: HELLO MISTER 4-8-7 P McCabe (7-1) J O'Donoghus 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

CYRANO'S LAD WI 2nd to Options Open in handicap at York (6f. good) with LAGO DI WARANO (6b better off) 344 4th. RUSHGITTER RAY (3b better off) 344 4th. RUSHGITTER RAY (3b better off) 36 th and SEA DANE short-lead Sth. MID-NEST ESCAPE bear SYLVA PARADISE (6b worse off) pead in handicap at Assan (3, good to firm), with RUSHGUTTER RAY (2b better off) 37 h. BOLSHOI bear SYLVA PARADISE (1b better off) 38 h. MID-NEST (1b better off) 39 h. MID-NEST (3b worse off) 39 h. MID-NE

4.40 LEGER RADIO LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-0: £4,425: 1m 2f 60yd) (11 runners)

(8) 016210 DEADLINE TIME 12 (D.G.S.) (F Seuth Mrs.M. Ruseley 9-1 ... K. Darley 91
(4) 313500 ROMLED OVER 12 (D.G.) (F Seuth Mrs.M. Ruseley 9-1 ... K. Fathon 91
(40) 002200 NRFAMOUS 18 (S) (HRH Prince Faird Salman) P. Cole 8-13 ... W. Carrson 90
(3) 22200 KING OF SPARTA 24 (D.P.) (Sheish Mathemmed) L. Darmari 8-13 ... O Urbina 90
(4) 422123 TROUMH RISK 86 (8F) (M. McCarryl) G. Lerns 8-13 ... Pat Eddoy 85
(6) 521520 (BEPIAN DANCER 17 (F) (6 Collision) J. Hills 8-10 ... M. Hills 92
(1) 50155 ODPS PETITIE 39 (D.B.F.F) (Mrs. D. MacRies) Mrs. J. Cecl 8-10 ... W. R. Swinburn 90
(1) 0-02305 ALLESSURY HUL 51 (R. Sangsia) (F. Carpier-Hyam 8-8 ... ... A. Mackoy 99
(9) 01- DANCE STAR 327 (F) (N. Yong) M. Janus 8-8 ... ... Emma O'Gorman 88
(7) 2-20232 MAND FOR BAILEYS 17 (6 Bailey Lid) M. Johnston 8-8 ... ... Emma O'Gorman 88
(7) 2-20232 MAND FOR BAILEYS 17 (6 Bailey Lid) M. Johnston 8-8 ... ... Brad (E)
10058 Petit. 4-1 Mad for Belleys, Trobin Risk, 7-1 King Of Sparta, 8-1 Deadine Time, 10-1 others. BETTING: 3-1 Closs Petile, 4-1 Med For Balleys, Trojan Risk, 7-1 King Of Sparta, 8-1 Deadline Time, 10-1 others. 1995. OUT ON A PROMISE 8-11 M Hills (8-1) & Wragg 11 km

FORM FOCUS

DEADLINE TIME neck 2nd of 8 to Facel on rated slakes at Socokwood (\*m 21, good to firm). Jun 96.

METAMOULS 1391 2nd of 4 to Alistars Express in handicap at Wannets (\*m 21, good to firm). Dear 1341 2nd of 4 to General Macaritum in rated stakes for SPARTA, short-head 2nd of 7 to Disaltoned in malden auction at Rippon (\*m 11, good to firm). Jud 95 TROJAN RISK 1941 3nd to Punkeh in handicap at Windsof (\*m 21, good to firm). OOPS PETITE

at Windsof (\*m 21, good to firm). OOPS PETITE

Selection: TROJAN RISK

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester

2.15 (Im Byd) 1, IDRICA (I. Debon, 10-11 fav), 2, Muhribah (R Hills, Evene), 3, Clean The Air (M Hills, 20-1), ALSO RAN 33 Ela Palnicia (5th), Tracks CV My Tears (4th) 5 ran, NR Heaventy Dancer NK, 101, 7, 41 J Gosden at Newmarkel, Tote C 19 0, 21 10.

£1.10 DF £110 CSF £2 18

2.45 (1m Byd) 1, CHAIFMANS DAUGH-TER (6 Hills, 10-1), 2, Jingoist (8 Doyle, 16-1), 3, Sponduticits (M Hills, 8-1), ALSO RAN 3-1 fev Cajun Sunset (4th. 9-2 Time Can Tell (8th), 8 Poly Moon, 10 Girny Wosserrame, 12 Sheration Girl (5th), 14 Cloravon Girl, Hopperetta, 20 Chopm, Rive La Belle, Shendana, 33 Foolish Flutter, Top Titler 15 Fan 23, 114, 294, 12, 114 P Code at Whatcomba, Toter £13-50, £4-60, £4-80, 22.10 DF £72.90 Tno: £176.20 CSF. £152.27. Tricast: £1,247.01

E2.10 DF C72.90 Tno: £176.20 CSF. £152.27. Tricast: £1.247.01
3.15 (71 9yd) 1. DON'T GET CAUGHT (Deen McKeown, 16-1), 2. Sharp Mortly (F. Lynch, 14-1); 3. Windswept (P. McCabe, 13-2 lan), 4. hoo's Deed (G. Duffield, 7-1) ALSO RAN: 7 Mister Woodshok (£in), 8 Our Shadee, 9 Perious Pight (£in), 8 Our Shadee, 9 Perious Pight (£in), 10 Welcome Lu, 14 Morocco, 16 Anta's Contesses. Awesome Venture, 20 Bright Diamond, Euphylia, 25 Dungson Princess, Madia Express, Mysteal Misch, Tima-Lirra, 33 Chalky Dancer, Ontole, Rothley Imp. 20 ran 2%, hd, 14, 34, 19, 11, Latants at Melton Morebray Tote: £29.00, £6.00, £2.90, £1.50, £1.80 DF £184.50 Tno: £442.40 (part won, pool of 5373.89 camed forward to 4.10 at Doncaster today) CSF £213.12 Tricast: £1.511.54
3.45 (1m 11.218yd) 1. POLAR CHAMP (L. Detlor), 4-5 fayl; 2, Mutanassib (W. Carson, 7-2); 3, King Katto (K. Darley, 10-1) ALSO RAN 4 Fizmanda (4th), 20 Magic Role (8th), 33 Snowy Martie (5th), 58 Good, Kaye's Secret 8 ran, NR Fitmore Wesl, Squandamana, St Hononne II, sh Ed. 41, 111. 81. S Woods at Newmarket Tote, £1.80 £1.10 (£1.70, £2.40 DF £2.80 Tno £8.30 CSF £2.44.
4.15 (71.9vd), 1, SUNBEAM DANCE (G. Carder, 2.11 Jan) 2 Kehal (W. Carson, 6-1)

E8 30 CSF £4.24.
4.15 (71 Syd) 1, SUNBEAM DANCE (G Carler, 2-1 law), 2, Kahal (W Carson, 6-1), 3, Cosmic Prince (K Darley, 14-1) ALSO RAN' 5 Desert Track, (5th), 1-2 Crystal Gold, 8 Zaretsid (4th), 11 Vancahing Track (6th), 14 Harshorm, Jab. 25 Adarnic Desre, Speniard's Mount, 33 Swan Island, 50 Mendoza, 13 ran, NR Hint Shhd, 41, 3, nl, 241 5 bin Sucora in Newmarket Tore C3 10, C1 10, C3 10, 26 60 OF £13 60. Trac £98 90 CSF £15.41

4.45 [5] 2yd) 1 CROFT POOL (S 0 Williams, 5-4 bay), 2, Ziggy's Dancer (K Falon, 7-2); 3, Espartero (G Duffield, 13-8) 3 ran 2/51, 191 J Glover Tote 52.20 DF C3.50 CSF £4.55 22.00 DF 23.50 CSF £4.55
5.15 (1m 11 218yd) 1, WHITE PLAINS (R Mußen, 7-2) 2, Haswidsh (F Lynch, 100-30 lav); 3, Rival Bid (C Teegue, 12-11 ALSO RAN, 6 Essayelfsee (Bin, 7 Aerolang, 10 Sea God (4th), 11 Ambidestrous, Milliown Classic, 14 Diamond Crown (5th), 20 Tulgamela, 50 Prince Zidm, Spice And Sugar 12 ran 2l, bd, 2 kd, kd, 2 kd Belt at Newmarket Tote £5.90, £2.80, £1.20, £2.30 DF 701e 50 The £42.80, CSF £15.13 Tricast £116.08
Placepot: £33.40, Quadpot: £9.70.

Lingfield Park Going: good to firm (turi course): standard (all-weather) 2.00 (6f) 1, Seint Who (Erima O'Gorman, 6-4 (av), 2, Marril-sto (4-1), 3, Hallmark (2-1) 5 ran, NR Broadgate Pyer, Cela-mander 6, 14 W O'Gorman Tote 22 60. 51.30, 51.50, DF: 56.80, CSF: 57.13.

2.30 (7f) 1. Indihash (R Price, 7-1) 2. Woodsis (11-4 fay), 3. Erolle (8-1) 12 ran NR: Golden Goddess, Kayzee 1-41, hd R Amstrong Toler \$10.40 \$2.60, \$1.70, \$2.80. DF: \$29.70 Trio \$34.00 CSF-\$24.94. 2.00 (7) 1. Corsini (W Ryan, 5-4 lav. Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap), 2. Chous Song (9-4); 3, Hope Chest (7-1), 14 ran, 1/3, hd. H Ceol., Tole: 62:30; 61:20, 61:10, 61:70 DF 62:00 The 62:50 CSF: 64:60,

24 60, 3.30 (71 140yd) 1. Stride (D Sweeney, 10-1), 2, Juffetta Ma (20-1); 3, Palaamon (12-1); 4, Caelles Burning (33-1) Rumbustous 11-4 lav 16 ran. NF Smart Boy 11/1, 184, M Meade Tote 59.20, 52.10, 55.90, 53.60, 522.20 DF: 5177.50, Inor 5372.10. CSF 5180.43 Tricast: 12,296.23. 4.00 (tm 2t, AW) 1, Comedy River (G Hind, 9-1), 2, Awesome Power (6-1); 3, Cherry Garden (11-1) Mediand 5-2 fav. 14 ran 31, 10t N Berry, Tote: £13 40; £2.80, £1.50, £3 10 DF: £27.20 The £3.80 CSF: £63 82 Tricast: £568 31 4.30 (71) 1, Jurnatirah Sunset (S Whitworth, 12-1), 2, Regal Spiendour (20-1), 3, Don Bosio (5-2 lav), 15 ran NR Blue Jumbo, Katatonic, Marlindale NK, 21st A Stewart Tote, £1,130, £2,50, £5,20, £1,60 DF: £562,00, Thio £265,70 CSF £187,32. 552 00. Ino Case 70 CsF \$187.52.

Limost Zaal (13-2); 3, Rakis (11-1), 4, Cancature (7-1). Shadow Casling 9-2 km 18 ran. 4, 154. A Moore Tote 538.70; 97.30, 53.70, 53.30, 52.60. DF \$447.10

Tino CSS2 40 (part won, pool of E338.70; parmod lorward to 4.10 at Dencaster today). CSF: \$219.93. Timost \$1.165.70 5.30 (1m 31 106yd) 1, Possessive Artiste (J Reld, 9-2): 2, Ballet High (5-1): 3, Classic Dame (5-1) Macmonia 4-1 kav 12 ran 15d, 14d M Stoute, Tota 24 90; £1 10, 52 30, £2.50. DF: £11 40 Tino £35 10 CSF £25 69

## **EPSOM**

THUNDERER 2.10 Shii-Take. 2.45 Youdontsay. 3.20 Ninia. 3.50 Artic Bay. 4.20 Tropical Dance. 4.50 Nopalea. 5.20

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 LANGLEY VALE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O £3,128: 7f) (9 runners)

s Sandors (9)
6 (5) 6 SUIDEST 28 I Baldorg 9-0 ... Marten Devyer (5) 79
7 (4) SUPPLY AND DEMAN() 6 L Moone 9-0 ... 5 Wintworth - 8 (9) 0 SWAFT 33 M Polylace 9-0 ... 5 Wintworth - 9 (2) 00 SEA MIST 29 P Chapple-Hyam 6-9 R Haviro (3) - 6-4 Shil-Take, 3-1 Hisart Ol Armor, 7-2 Another Night, 9-1 Palicander 10-1 Amyzo, Sudest, 25-1 Supply And Demand, 23-1 others

**2.45** GERALD EVE HANDICAP (£5,394: 5f) (9) (2) 1000 TMCE AS SHARP 16 (D.F.G) P Harts 4-10-0 G Hard 92 (9-500 TARF 81 (D.F.) P Wateryl 3-9-8 ... ... R Halls 93 (4) -001 PORTELET 16 (CD.F.G) R Guest 4-9-7 ... P Bloomfield 94 (901 PORTELET 16 (CD.F.G) R Guest 4-9-7 ... Dane O'Neill 94 (6) 6550 TUSCAN DAWN 11 (D.F.G.S.) J Berry 6-8-12 P Roberts (9) 97 (6) 6550 TUSCAN DAWN 11 (D.F.G.S.) J Berry 6-8-12 P Roberts (9) 91 (9) 1413 MCDMGRT SPELL 16 (D.F.F.G.) J Hills 4-9-5 M Tebbett (9) 93 (2) 0021 LA BELLE DOMENDUE 14 (D.F.F.G.) J Hills 4-9-5 M Tebbett (9) 93 (2) 0021 LA BELLE DOMENDUE 14 (D.F.) Sharph 2-7-10 F Norton 93 (1) 0404 MNOCATION 13 (F.G.) A Moore 9-7-10 Martin Dayrer (5) 85 (2) 0021 LA SHALE DOMENDUE 14 (3) 18 (1 3-1 Porteiet, 7-2 Youdonessy, 4-1 Middinghi, Spell, 9-2 La Bette Dominique, 8-1 Tart And A Hall, 9-1 Tart, 10-1 Tunce As Steep, 12-1 offers

3.20 CHALK LANE RATED HANDICAP

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CRICKET: ENGLAND TRUST IN SILVERWOOD'S PROMISE AND NEW-FOUND MATURITY OF AN OLDER MAVERICK

## Hussain identified as Atherton's heir

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

THE accession of Nasser Hussain to the England captaincy and the restoration of Philip Tufnell as a Test-match spin bowler would once have been considered an implausible double. The prospect, however, was advanced yesterday when Hussain was named as vice-captain of the 15-man party to tour Zimbabwe and New Zealand this winter, and Tufnell was included among his travelling companions.

Hussain and Tufnell are volatile characters who have had to undergo similar conversions. Plainly, the selectors believe in Hussain's new maturity, for they have now officially identified him as the heir to Michael Atherton's job. For Tufnell, selection represents an unlikely reprieve, a last opportunity to harness an acceptable approach to unde-

The same privilege was not. however, extended to Chris Lewis. Despite playing all six Tests this summer, he has not been forgiven for turning up late at the Oval and has much to do to revive his England career. So, too, does Graeme Hick, an automatic selection at the start of the year but rating barely a mention now.

"I have got at least one more comeback in me," was Lewis's defiant response to exclusion. He may find that the selectors disagree and they also appear to have formed a firm view about Hick's position. Soon after hearing confirmation that he would not be touring his homeland yesterday, Hick was out for nought to a 17-year-old making his debut for Nottinghamshire. It was symbolic of his shocking summer

Notable among others contentiously omitted is Peter Martin. but it is refreshing and progressive that his place on the senior tour has gone to Chris Silverwood, 21, the main beneficiary of the youth policy that was Raymond Illingworth's parting wish as chairman of selectors.

Illingworth, who retires from the post with "some sadness and disappointment", chaired his last meeting on Monday evening and it took the panel a little over two hours to come up with the two tour parties. The chairman's desire for a young A team was fulfilled; six of the 14 chosen for the trip to Australia are 23 or under and Owais Shah, of Middlesex, is only 17 and still at school. The team will be led by Adam Hollioake, of Surrey, 25 last week and a long-term candidate to captain the Test

By Simon WILDE

IT HAS taken a long time, but

at last it has happened. The

selectors have picked a player

not because he has served his

time on the county circuit,

named yesterday in the Eng-

land A team to tour Australia,

are remarkable. He will be 18

the day before the party de-

parts next month and has

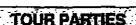
appeared in precisely three

first-class matches, the first of

them for Middlesex 34 days

ago. He is still at Lampton

School and will sit his A levels



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M A Butcher (Surrey)
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A F Gales (Wanwclashre)
A J Hents (Derbyshre)
D W Headley (Kerri)
W K Heog (Lanvashre)
A McGratti (Yorkshre)
O A Sheh (Middlesson)
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TOUR MANAGER: D A Graveney Coach: G A Gooth, Physiotherapist: D Corway

not yet captain of his county but his leadership credentials. established on the A tour of Pakistan last winter, are now acknowledged. Although born only five days after Atherton. he is far younger in terms of experience and has now usurped Alec Stewart as the

alternative captain. Illingworth indicated that Hussain would take on the job whenever Atherton no longer wanted it, and hinted that this could occur within a year. It is Atherton's greatest wish to win the Ashes: if he fails, next summer, he may decide to stand down. "We have nothing against Alec," Illingworth said. "It's age more than anything. If Michael wants to give up, we would look to move forward with a younger captain.

Hussain was the final addition to a management team in which David Lloyd will continue as coach, having resolved his contractual



## TOUR ITINERARIES

ZIMBABWE: Nov 30: v Districts (Harare) Dec 1: v President's XI (Harare) 3-8: v Mashonaland (Harare) 8: v Mashpeletand (Bulawayo) 10-13: v Matabeletand (Bulawayo) 15: v Zimbabwe, tirst one-day international (Bulawayo) 18-22: v Zimbabwe, first fest (Bulawayo) 28-30: v Zimbabwe, second Test (Harare) 14-11, 1997: v Zimbabwe, second one-day international (Harare) 3: v Zimbabwe, tirrd one-day international (Harare) NEW ZEALAND: Jan 10: v NZ Academy XI (New Plymouth), 13-16: v Select XI (Palmerston North), 18-21: v Northern Districts (Hamilton), 24-26: v New Zealand, first Test (Auckland), 30-Feb 2: v New Zealand, Affandamd), 8-10: v New Zealand, first Test (Mellington), 14-18: v New Zealand, first Test (Mellington), 14-18: v New Zealand, first one-day international (day/hight, Christichurch), 20: v New Zealand, first one-day international (day/hight, Christichurch), 20: v New Zealand, first one-day international (day/hight, Christichurch), 20: v New Zealand, thrid one-day international (day/hight, Christichurch), 20: v New Zealand, thrid one-day international (day/hight, Christichurch), 20: v New Zealand, thrid one-day international (Auckland), 4: v New Zealand, tifth one-day international (Wellington),

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AUSTRALIA: Oct 31-Nov 3; v New South Wales Second XI (Tarrivorth) 8; v South Australia (Adelarde) 8-11; v South Australia (Adelarde) 15-18; v Australia Cricket Academy (Mount Gamber) 21-24; v Victoria (Melbourre) 28; v Australia Capital Territory (Cariberra) 30-Dec 3; v Australia Capital Territory (Cariberra) 20-Dec 5; v New South Wales (Sydney) 7; v New South Wales (Woolongong), 10-13; v Ousensland (Brisbane).

#### differences with the Test and TOUR PARTIES County Cricket Board. Among Lloyd's most exacting tasks, and one he will doubtless

share with his assistant, John Emburey, will be the careful handling of Tufnell. Illingworth did not attempt to disguise the unofficial prohibition order that has hung over Tufnell since his bizarre conduct on the tour of Australia two winters ago. There had

> should not be taken overseas again and so, Illingworth said, "there was not much point in picking him for home games". Partly through the shortcomings of other spin bowlers. but more pertinently because it is believed he has reformed, Tufnell re-emerged as a candi-date for this tour. Once the right soundings had been taken, and comforting en-

> > the country.

been a tacit agreement that he

dorsements received, the rest

was relatively easy, for no-body seriously disputes that he is the best slow bowler in

Atherton supported his se-

lection after being one of his 13

victims in a championship

game at Old Trafford last

week. During that match.

Atherton consulted Mike Gatting, Tufnell's captain at

Middlesex, and it was this

reference, according to

Illingworth, which "tipped the

scales". Tufnell will tour, how-

ever, with a clear warning

about any further misconduct.

"It is up to him to show us that

he can stay with it this time,"

about the temperament of Silverwood, a solid, uncompli-

cated player, who has bowled

superbly with the new ball

throughout Yorkshire's suc-

cessful season. "There is a lot

of Brian Statham in him,"

Illingworth said, which was

high praise indeed. "He loves

to bowl, and if he beats the bat,

he just turns round and gets

This has not always been

the case with Dominic Cork,

but it is not for his habitual

theatricals that his touring

programme is still in doubt.

The likelihood is that he will

make the full trip but it is to be

left to the team management

to decide, nearer departure

time, whether it would benefit

him more to stay in England

for some of the Zimbabwe leg.

The welcome return of

Darren Gough and Andy

Caddick completed the seam

attack and the liveliest discus-

sion of the evening concerned

the all-rounder's position. It

went to Ronnie Irani, with

both Mark Ealham and Craig

White being chosen for the A

team, and illingworth sug-

gested the deciding factor was

an indefinable aspect of his

approach. "If you work with

Irani, you realise how much

he wants it," he said. "He is

the best batsman of the con-

tenders and now he has to

work on his bowling."

back to his mark."

There are no such doubts

Illingworth said.

Like Hollioake, Hussain is



Shah: surprise choice

## Wayward Tufnell given one last chance to prove himself

Tufnell, right, and his mentor, Emburey, look forward to a productive tour yesterday

nglish sport makes a habit of distancing itself from potential trouble by alienating its maverick characters. Yesterday. however. Philip Tufnell, whose cricket career has flouted conformity in every way. discovered he was no longer an outcast.

Tufnell, whose conduct and approach infuriated successive England managements to the point when it was implicit that he would not be taken on tour again. was named in the 15-man party to visit Zimbabwe and New Zealand this winter.

In announcing this remarkable reprieve, Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, explained: "He did not have a good tour in Australia two years ago but he has served a fair, long sentence. We have been assured that he has improved in the directions we wanted him to."

Illingworth intends to be lapping up the winter sun-This ambiguous diplomacy shine at his Spanish villa did not concern Tufnell's while England are away on cricketing ability, which has tour but he made it plain that never been greatly in doubt. It he does not expect to be means that he is being given a hearing of their demise. "We final chance to prove that, at should win and win well," he said. "If we don't, we've got 30. he has grown up. It may also mean that the selectors have wearied of punishing Shah ready for stern examination

Alan Lee welcomes a tour recall for the

themselves, as well as Tufnell, by picking patently inferior spin bowlers.

Middlesex spinner

On the last Australian tour. in November 1994, Tufnell came close to being sent home after going missing for 24 hours. It transpired that he had spent the night in a psychiatric unit after reacting severely to some domestic worries.

Earlier that year, Tulnett had been jailed for a night and subsequently charged with assaulting his former fiancée. His county, Middlesex, allowed him two months' leave to put his affairs in order, a compassionate response from a club that has done all in its power to reform its wayward talent.

Tufnell has never been far from controversy. He was asked to leave his public school. Highgate, after a series of misdemeanours and his ten years in cricket have been punctuated by instances of his volatile nature.

It is on tour that he has been trial to his team-mates, however. He received fines in both India, in 1992, and Australia, and drove Graham Gooch, the former captain, to distraction. Gooch is a member of the current selection panel and will have needed more persuasion that most of Turnell's conversion.

Panason

Tufnell said yesterday: "I know there are people who think I have been difficult on tour and there are a few things I regret. But I have put all that behind me now and I just want to play for England." Intriguingly, for one whose image is essentially beer and fags, he says he now spends more time in garden centres than his local

There are enough endorse ments on Tufnell's touring licence to ensure that he will be sent home if he steps out of line just once this winter. But nobody can doubt that he is back because he is the best spin bowler available. Since 1990. England have won only four overseas Test matches and Tufnell has played a prominent part in them

## RADIO CHOICE

## A universal puzzlement

Companion to the Cosmos. Radio 4. 9.00pm.

No complaints from me about the actual quality of Geoff Proudleys musical threads that embroider John Gribbin's cosmological series. It's just that I can't puzzle out what their purpose is. Scientific types don't need them because they require no inducements to stay with programmes that are food and drink to them. Non-scientific types like me resent them because sugaring the pill reflects on our ignorance. And anyway, I never know what to concentrate on, the words or the music. Companion to the Cosmos comes clean and admits it doesn't know how the Universe began, though it does come up with some fascinating ideas about the first billion-billionth of a second of its existence.

Classic FM Evening Concert. Classic FM, 8.00pm.

Manchester's brand-new concert hall opens tonight. It is the Bridgewater Hall, a 2.400-seat steel and glass affair which cost something like £42 million. It will compete with the Free Trade Hall. long associated with the Halle Orchestra, which will now be housed at the Bridgewater. Tonight's gala concert features the Halle and its choir under Kent Nagano. Two works in particular should test the new hall's acoustics. Walton's Belshazzar's Feast and Elgar's Enigma Variations. There's also a world premiere: George Benjamin's Sometime Voices, with baritone William Dazely as soloist. Peter Davalle

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4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Breakfast Show 9.00 Henry Ivelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchibme Concerto Delius (Cello Concerto) Nielsen (Flute Concerto) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Sonata. Alwyn (Obos Sonata) 7,90 Gardering Forum (r) 8,00 Evenia Concer See Choice 10,00 Michael Mappin, incl at 11,35 Noctume 1,00am

## VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breatlest Expenence 9.00 Richard Stonner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forest 2.00am Jeremy Clark

6.00am On Air. Includes Dukas; Grieg, Ravel, Bach, Delibes and Schoenberg 9.00 Morning Collection. Includes Mozart (Symphony No 27 in G), Pergolesi (Salve Regina); Ketelbey (Bells across the Meadows); Liszi (Totentary)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Vivalof (Concerto in F). Alain (Dances a Agni Yavishta): Debussy (Iberia, Images), Anon (Cuncti simus

concarrentes (or solo voice, Libre vermelii); Mozart (Hon Quintet in E flat); Poulenc (Elegie) Alain (Litanies); Wagner (Parsifal, excerpts) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Bach

Recitals. Douglas Boyd, plano, and Susan Tomes, plano, and Susan Torries, wolin mark the 80th birthday of Henri Dutilleux. Schumann (Three romances, Op 94: Plano Sonata fur die Jugend in G. Op 118 No 1; Julien Zur Erinnerung, Fantaslestucke, Op 73); Dutilleux (Sonata) of Micweek Choice. Includes Vejvoda (Beer Barrel Polka): Mozart (Cantata, Grabmusik), Warlock, Serenade for

Warlock (Serenade for Strings)
4.00 Choral Evensong

5.00 The Music Machine 5.15 in Tune Couperin (Concert No 1 in G. Concerts Royeux.
1722); Chabrier (Souvenirs de Munich); Debussy (Trois Chansons de Builtis)
7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Olivier Charlier, violin, Jean-Yves Thiberdet piece. BPC

Philharmonic, under Yan Pascal Tortelier Dutilleus (Violin Concerto, L'Arbre des Songes) 7.55 Collaboration and Resistance with Decision of the Control of the Con and Resistance, with Roger Nichols **8.15** Proms Part 2 Messiaen (Turangalila

Measaen (Turangaina Symphony) 10.00 Volces, Felicity Lott, soprano, Susan Bickley, mezzo, Stephen Varcoe, barilone, Graham Johnson, London Scubert Chorale, under Stephen Layton, Reynaldo Hahn (L'neure evouise: Fetes galantes, 12 Rondels; La demiere valse) 18.45 Mask. A masque for Henri

Purcell with text by Ian Burton and sound composition by Ron Geesin (r) 11.30 Composers of the Week: Fella, Gerhard and the Heritage of Spain. (r) 12.30am Jazz Notes. Kenny

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Face the Facts. John Wale

investigators follow up listeners' complaints 7.45 Probe: Fraud and

8.30 Calling the Game. Edde Butter passes comment on

sports commentators

which he and his team of

1.00 Through the Night

#### RADIO 4 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 6.00 Slx O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of Britain 1996

5.55am Shipping (LW only) 6.00
News Briefing 6.10 Farming
Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25
Sports News 7.45 Thought for
the Day 8.40
P G Wodehouse's Golf
Stories (1/2) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with
Times columnic Librar, blance Times columnist Libby Purves 19.00 News; Return to Sender

(FW)
10.00 Delly Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Gardeners' Question 12.00 News; You and Yours, with

Lesley Riddoch 12-25pm Masala FM, by Meera Syal Set in East London's premier Asian community radio station (2/6) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Cinderella
Service, by Julia Stoneham.
(3/3) (r)
2.45 From Their Own

4.45 Short Story: The Tree, by

Correspondent (r) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope Paul Gambaccini reviev

Susan Akass

9.00 Companion to the Coeme See Choice 9.30 Kateldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Jeremy Harris

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Poor Old
Man, by Clare Boylan Read
by Gillsan Bevan (1/3)

11.00 My Life as a Car. Phi

Daniels stars in a comedy series by Mark Wallington 11.30 Desmond Olivier Dingle's
Compleat Life and Works
of William Shakespeare by
Desmond Olivier Dingle.
12.00 News and 12.27am approx

12.30 The Late Book: Some Kind of Black (8/10) 12,48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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#### before Bennett saw him go on the back foot. "No one was

regularly scoring 1.000 runs or taking 50 wickets, but because he is touched with magic. They have glimpsed an exciting future, and they want the future to happen now. That said, the facts about Owais Alam Shah, who was

quick enough to force him back. He just smashed the

AXA Equity & Law League Lancashire v Middlesex OLD TRAFFORD (Meddlesex won toss) Lancasture (4pts) beat Middlesex by sit P N Weekes c Nexteem b Green .
K P Dutch c Fairbrother b Chapple .
M R Ramprehesh st Hegg b Waterson J C Pooley c Gallen b Green .
M W Gating b Yeles .
K R Brown b Waterson .
O A Shah not out .
R L Johnson run out .....

Don Bennett, the Middlesex coach, rarely sees Shah, who has played for county agegroup sides since he was II, Total (7 wids, 40 overs) JP Hewit, RA Fay and ARC Fraser did not because he spends so much of his time - when he is not at FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-50 3-74 4-87. 5-138, 6-163, 7-165 school — playing for national

well that he usually appeared for an age group at least one higher than his "natural" one. Once, playing for England Under-15 against the under-16

side, he scored 232. On the few occasions he did see him, it was a long time

he said. watched him play for Middlesex in the AXA Equity & Law League match at Old Trafford yesterday, but still saw little. Shah coming in with 29 balls of the innings left. He scored a composed 10 not out.

in lots of ways." Graham Saville, the coach of England Under-19, for whom Shah has played for the past year, said

"He can still be very young

OLD TRAFFORD SCOREBOARD

BOWLING: Chappie 7-1-19-1, Martin 6-2-18-0: Galkan 5-1-27-0: Green 6-0-23-2: Yates 8-0-31-1, Walkinson 6-0-44-2 LANCASHIRE JER Gallian e Brown b Hewitt PC McKeown c Fay b Hewitt JP Crawley b Hewit JP Crawley b Hewit G D Lloyd b Weekes M H Fantzether not out "M Watkinson not out Extras (fb 5. w 9) Total (4 witts, 37.5 overs) .

tW K Hegg G Yares, PJ Martin, G Chapple and R J Green did not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-34, 3-137, 4-153 Umpres V A Holder and R A Vitale

gives the impression he will give nothing away, as he showed by batting seven hours for 139 in Zimbabwe last February." McGrath is the nearest thing to a precedent to Shah, but he was three years older when he toured with England A last year. Shah was born in Karachi and came to England with his parents six years ago and

whether he goes on the A tour

yesterday. "But, like Anthony

McGrath, once he gets in, he

will depend on them, and his headmaster, agreeing to him missing seven weeks of school. Shah is worried about what the effect will be on his studies. Saville was recently sounded out about which were the best of his under-19 players by Graham Gooch, an England selector. "I had no hesitation in giving him my choice and it was Shah first, ahead of Ben Hollioake and David Sales. They have got to be mentally strong enough, and I

think he is. It will be hard

cricket in Australia and do

him enormous good,"

## YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS AXA Equity & Law League

Warwickshire v Essex

Extras (b.1, ib.3, w.1) Total (7 wkts, 40 overs) ..... S J W Andrew and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-12, 3-44, 4-56, 5-74, 6-75, 7-76, BOWLING: Munton 8-3-28-0; Brown 8-3-22-1. Welch 5-0-16-1; Small 8-0-30-2: Giles 8-1-19-1, Smith 3-1-19-0, WARWICKSHIRE W G Khan c Hussan b llott N M K Smith c flott b Graydon M Burns c flott b Cowan D R Brown c and b Cowan T L Permey not out Extras (lb 4, w 4) .....

Total (4 wkts, 34.2 overs) . N V Knight, G Welch, A F Gles, G C Smell and "T A Munton old not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-71, 3-85, BOWLING: Non 6-0-26-1: Andrew 6-0-26-0; Such 8-0-31-0; Cowan 8-0-36-2: Grayson 6-0-15-1; Lewis 0.2-0-4-0

Umpres. K E Paimer and G Sharp.

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G F Archer b Chapman
P R Pollerd not out
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C M Tolley b Rawnsley
R T Bates C Moody b Solania
W M Noon st Dawcod b Solenia
A A Metcalle low b Solania
J P Hart c Dawcod b Leatherdale
P J Franks low b Leatherdale Extras (b 3. lb 4. w 9, nb 4) .

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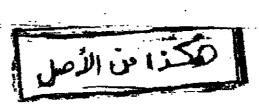
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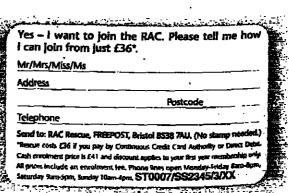
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# Once past the elephants, it all became clear

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hen a four-star general starts talking elephants, it tends to be time to take away his weapons of war. Thankfully, however, General Norman Schwarzkopf, has already swapped his for retirement, which meant we could sit back and enjoy Timewatch: Hannibal and Desert Storm (BBC2) without worrying ... well, not too much.

It was time to talk elephants, serious elephants. Did you know, or instance, that Hannibal's mahours went into battle armed with a sharp spike and a hammer? Or that going up the Alps on an elephant is one thing, but coming down quite another? Or even, that il you are about to set off on a 1.231-mile march through Spain, across France and into Italy, you are best off taking Indian elephants or, failing them, African forest elephants? The African bush elephant would barely get you past Gibraltar, apparently.

"What's all this got to do with Desert Storm?" you're asking. And for the first ten minutes of last night's fascinating programme, I asked myself exactly the same question. But after a few sweeping statements, such as "the truth is that it was Hannibal who inspired the battle plans used to such devasrating effect by the allied coalition in the Gulf", it quickly became clear that the answer was "precious little".

For what we had here was not quite the complex comparison of military factics that it purported to be. This was a straightforward history lesson, a welcome and well told reminder of what Hannibal actually did once he had got those elephants over the Alps, Maps and computer graphics kept the gengraphy and battles under control, while Schwarzkopf supplied the admiring footnotes: "The first thing I ever learned in the study of military art was about the great

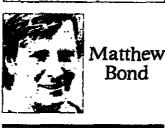
captains, and the great captains start with Hannibal,"

"Military art", it emerged, is one of those curious euphemisms for killing people, an art in which Hannibal of Carthage was well versed. On the banks of the Trebbia, his forces killed 20,000 Roman soldiers before breakfast. At Lake Trasimeno, the Romans lost 30,000 more. These, however, were but warm-ups to the big one Cannae, when \$0,000 legionnaires took on the remnants of Hannibal's footsore but battlehardened army - and lost.

coording to Schwarzkopf he pulled off this "superb vic-A tory" by employing three principles of war: mass, manoeuvre and ... one that I've forgotten. so for goodness sake don't ask me to lead you into battle. Was it muscle? Or mayhem perhaps? Who knows, but there would have been plenty of both, according to

Big Cat Diary

REVIEW



our man in the shadows, Andy McNab. Killing 50,000 Romans in a single day, he pointed out, would have been a messy husiness.

Schwarzkopf was confident there were parallels to be drawn between Cannae and Desert Storm. But for all his maps and diagrams I wasn't altogether convinced. No elephants, for a start. We seemed on surer ground when the producer, Jonathan

Stamp, turned his attention to what happened next. For just as the Allies never got to Baghdad. Hannibal never marched on Rome. He believed that the humiliation inflicted at Cannae would cause the collapse of the Roman political system. Just like the Allies, he was wrong.

The killing got more specific in Network First: A View to a Kill (ITV). There were names, faces, stories. In 1988 Leo Jenkins, a convicted burglar freed from a Texas prison under a controversial early release scheme, shot and killed Mark and Kara Kelley in the pawn shop they ran for their parents. Eight years later the state of Texas was about to kill Jenkins. What made this tragic story unusual was that for the first time, the victims' relatives would be allowed to watch the execution.

Understandably, Rod Williams's film of the week leading up Linda Kelley, Mark and Kara's mother, a decision which in turn made it impossible to come to any objective conclusions about the rights and wrongs of what was going on. Like the Kelleys, we were too close.

But not close enough for some. People magazine had passed up on the Kelleys' story when it learned that it would not be able to witness the execution. It is to Williams's credit that his film kept such voyeuristic tendencies firmly at bay.

t was the detail that stuck in the memory. The fact that there is a dress code for watching executions - "no tanktops, cut-offs or see-through fabrics". The discovery that the condemned man's last meal is not anything he wants, but anything he wants which happens to be in the prison kitchen. Jenkins was a cheeseburger and fries man. Others apparently are more ambitious. "Some eat like it's literally their last meal," said one cheery warder. "Which, of course, it is." If this was gallows humour, I wanted none of it.

The film's concluding scenes were marked by a curious disagreement about the destination of Jenkins's soul. According to the rose-tinted account profered by the prison chaplain, he had repented and was en route to Heaven. Linda Kelley, whose initial reaction to the execution was simply "I feel much better now", was in no doubt. Jenkins was dead and going straight to Hell.

Finally, a word or three about Steven Clarke's stylish but superficial look at the door-to-door salesmen of the Weslevan Assurance Company for Picture This: Life at a Premium (BBC2). The financial services industry will never have an easier ride.

■ Lynne Truss is on holiday

## 6.00am Business Breakfast (65121) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceetax) (96492) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceetax)

(8695169) 9.20 Style Challenge (3358643) 9.45 Kilroy (1300169) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't

Cook (74072) 11.00 News and weather (4682701)

11.05 Erebus: The Aftermath. (1/2) Film dramatisation of the controversy surrounding one of the world's worst air disasters — the destruction of an Air New Zealand DC10, which flew into the side of a mountain in November 1979 (r) (55790140)

12.50pm Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes

1.00 News and weather (94409) 1.30 Regional News (45342879)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (32610898) 2.00 Call My Bluff (6278091) 2.35 Turnabout (1814169) 3.00 A Week in the Country (5850) 3.30 Ants In Your Pants (8198343) 3.50 ChuckieVision (8185879) 4.10 Get

Your Own Back (7695140) 4.35 Cartoon Critters (4828546) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (7901362) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceelax) (s) (2614121) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (179275)

6.00 News and weather (Ceetax) (817) 6.30 Regional news (169)

7.00 Small Talk Quiz show hosted by Ronnie Corbett (Ceelax) (s) (7459) 7.30 Tomorrow's World. Howard Stableford reports from Australia ол how mothers-tobe can now get an extraordinary memento of their unborn baby — a 3D plastic model of the toetus while it is still in the womb. Plus news from America on a revolutionary new, dimpled, baseball bat

Shannaz Pakravan tests it (Ceefax) (s) 8.00 CHOICE Big Cat Diary. Topical wildfife reports from Kenya's Masai Mara Simon King and Jonathan Scott e action as a camera crew t cheetah and her cubs, a pride of lions and the elusive leopard (Ceefax) (s)

(3879)8.30 Next of Kin. Comedy series with Penelope Keith and Wilfiam Gaunt (r)

(Ceelax) (s) (5614) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News, regional news and

weather (8053) 9.30 The Thin Blue Line: Night Shift, Ben Elton's comedy series set in Gastorth police station. The station is tull of juvenile vobs. but then that's CID for you (r) (Ceetax) (s) (42530)

10.00 QED: Life on Ice (Ceefax) (s) (992508)

10,35 International Come Dancing, (1/2) (s) (710091)

11.25 FILM: The Sunshine Boys (1975). Cornedy based on the successful Broadway play by Neil Simon, Two former vaudeville comedians agree to bury the hatchet and come out of retirement to do a television special. With Walter Matthau, George Burns, Richard Benjamin and Lee Meredith Directed by Herbert Ross

1.15am-1.20 Weather (2520638)

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BBC2 6.00am Open University: Maths (2326169) 6.25 Science and Nuclear Waste (2338904) 6.50 Rural Life: Image and Reality (1543546)

7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (9069188) 7.55 Get Your Own Back (r) (Ceelax) (s) (2211324) 8.20 Mr Benn (6105091) 8.35 Lassie (1) (2680898) 9.00 Bilitz on

Cartooning (r) (s) (76430) 9.30 Brainwaves (s) (6348121) 9.35 Today's Gournet (r) (3892166) 10.00 Playdays (s) (3883508) 10.25 The History Man (r) (Ceelax) (s) (7072411) 10.30 On the Road Again (Ceelax) (72614)

11.00 TUC Conference. Today's debates include the minimum wage, full employment and economic policy (s) 1.00pm The World of Wines: Port and

Maderia (97121) 1.30 Working Lunch (99879) 2.00 Metvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (r) (50177695) 2.15 TUC Conference. Further coverage from

Blackpool. Includes News; Regional News and weather at 3.00pm (193169) 3.55 News and Weather (Ceefax) (4828898) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (782) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (966) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceefax) (s) (9574898) 5.40 Flying Vets (691072)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. The Last Outpost (r) (Ceelax) (s) (504324)

6.45 Kicking and Screaming: The Route to 66. in 1953, the England team suffered their first ever home deleat when Hungary beat them 6-3. Sir Alf Ramsey and other former England players and managers recall how England went from inter-national humiliation to World Cup winners in 13 years (s) (642343)

7.30 Scene: Trafford Tanzi. A play about women's rights (r) (Ceefax) (695)

8.00 Famborough 96: The Aviation Business. The second of two programmes looks at a week of flying firsts and the crossroads faced by the British aviation industry. After Airbus and Eurofighte should Britain commit itself to further European collaboration or go forward with America? (s) (4121) 8.30 The Fred Dibnah Story. The Bolton

steepleiack opts to holiday with a steam engine (Ceetax) (3256) N.L. War Walks 9.00 Changing Rooms. Two neighbours with a budget of £500 and a little professional help (Ceefax) (s) (6695)



Comedian Alexel Sayle (9.30pm) 9.30 Great Railway Journeys: Aleppo to Aqaba. The comedian Alexei Sayle Journeys through the Middle East (Ceetax) (s) (46430)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (243904) 11.15 The Larry Sanders Show (Cestax 11.35 Seinfeld (Ceelax) (s)

(770343) 12.00-12.30am Grace Under Fire (s) (89676) CHOICE

BBC1, N.OOpm Unlike most wildlife documentaries, which are not shown until they have been carefully shaped and edited, this series comes more or less straight from the camera's lens. A team

travelled to the Masai Mara in Kenya to follow day-by-day the lives of three big cat families: a pride of lions, a cheetah mother and cubs and a leopard with cub. Their stories will be set against the annual advance of the wildebest onto the plains, a spectacular migration and one calculated to have the predators licking their lips. Having set its agenda, Big Cat Diary ventures into the unknown. The material will be presented in six weekly instalments, with the animals writing the script. The unpredictability, as well as the promise of striking footage, should make for a stimulating series.

Moving People Channel 4, 8.30pm

Moving house may be a trauma on a par with divorce or bereavement but it can be wonderfully entertaining for those not involved. That is the premise of this new series which features three moves each week, with the subjects providing their own camcorder footage. What extraordinary people the programme has assembled. Not many couples would buy a house having seen it only on a video, but that is the Bengtssons. Their move from Cornwall to Ireland is a sit-com gone berserk. Hilary, an enterprising 29-year-old, does up London flats and sells them, moving several times a year. How she makes a profit in today's housing market, is not explained. Finally we meet a Liverpool couple with 12 children. They are overjoyed when the council allocates them a larger house, only to receive a rubbishing from the tabloid press.

Great Railway Journeys BBC2, 9.30pm

Alexei Sayle is our man on the train this week, travening from Aleppo in Syria south to Jordan and finishing on the Gulf of Aqaba. Despite being a Western Jew he declares a special affinity for the Arab world, though this does not stop him being rude about the standard of its railways. The shadow of Lawrence of Arabia, whose contribution to the Middle East railway network was to blow up part of it, looms over the trip. Lawrence provides Sayle with a nice line in gags, not that he needs such a convenient prop. He can squeeze his brand of droll humour from most things, even the desperate state of Arab-Israeli politics. Only in the magnificent sandstone scenery of Petra are the jokes suspended and unfeigned awe temporarily takes over.

QED: Life on Ice BBC1, 10.00pm

Head injuries, most of them sustained in road accidents, leave 11,000 Britons a year with permanent brain damage. In America the number is much higher. But an American surgeon has come up with an unconventional treatment that could cut such casualties by more than one third. Most brain damage is caused after the accident, as the original injury sets off a destructive chain reaction. Dr Guy Clifton's idea is to pack the body with ice and bring it to a state of hypothermia. Such cooling is designed to slow the brain's metabolism and prevent the damage. Filmed at Clifton's hospital at Houston in Texas, the programme is honest about the limitations of the treatment. It is not applicable to all cases. But there have been spectacular successes, notably a man who lay in a coma but was back at work in

HTV 6.00am GMTV (9111091)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (2708904) 9.55 Regional News (3893985) 10.00 The Time...the Place (s) (2764633) 10.35 This Morning (64596169)

12.20pm Regional News (7276324) 12.30 ITN News (Teletext) (2380459) 12.55 Shortland Street (2358850) 1.25 Coronation Street (3605166) 2.00 Home and Away (97971546) 2.25 Quisine (97950053) 2.50 Vanessa

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (7086430)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7085701) 3.30 Tots TV Classics (r) (s) (6263633) 3.40 The Parkles (4408169) 3.50

Chatterhappy Ponies (6234121) 4.05 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (s) (2065508) 4.15 Wolf It the Next Generation (Telelext) (s) (7696879) Retrace. Children's drama series. Harry, Zillah and Joe

Fisher return from school to find no car, no food, no money and no father (Teletext) (8681362) 5.10 Wheel of Fortune with Nicky Campbell (8021576)

5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (695898) 6.00 Home and Away. Joey is having second thoughts about life outside the commune

(r) (Teletext) (s) (985) 6.25 Regional News (Teletext) (839966)

6.50 Sportsweek (309140)

7.20 Champions League Live: Juventus v Manchester United. The opening game of this season's European tournament. Juventus of Italy, the defending champions, take on the English double winners Manchester United (17917184)



9.30 Coronation Street, Maureen (Sherrie Hewson) has a date and Deirdre has a disappointing day (Telelext) (42558)

10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) (51121) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (451546) 10.40 Chillier: Prophecy (r) (Teletext) (s) (443817)

11.40 Champions League Highlights. Jim Rosenthal presents highlights of the opening games in this season's by Brian Moore, John Helm and Pete Brackley. Glasgow Rangers are away to Grasshoppers of Zurich and AC Milan play Porto (391430)

12.45em God's Gift (7785367) 1.50 cyber.cate (5195560) 2.15 Dear Nick with Dr Nick Fisher (700657) 3.15 Bushell on the Box (97299) 3.45 Nationwide Football League Extra (8829812)

4.30 The Time... the Place (14947) 5.00 Three's a Crowd (59522) 5.30 iTN Morning News (77831)

## HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm Wales Tonight (252633) 6.50-7.20 Bob and Brian Broadcastin (309140)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.25pm Illuminations (7284343) 12.55 Coronation Street (2358850) 1.25-1.55 Quisine (68215053)

2.25 Vanessa (97974633) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1812701) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8021576) 6.00 Westcountry Live (515430)

6.50-7.20 Wheel of Fortune (309140)

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2.20 Vanessa (97975362) 2.50-3.20 Our House (7080430) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8021576)

6.25 Central News and Weather (252633) 6.50-7.20 Wheel of Fortune (309140) 12.45am Bushell on the Box (70522) 3.10 in Focus (6873831) 3,55 Jobfinder (9593170)

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10,45 The Pier (787411) 11.10 The Listings (495140) 11.15-11.40 Good Advice (185091) 5.00am Freescreen (59522)

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Starts: 6,35am Sharky and George (7047940) 7.00 The Big Breakfas (12430) 9.00 FILM: Gangway (1937) Starring Jessie Matthews (82219351 10.40 FILM: Reveille with Beverly (1943), starring Ann Miller (1444324) 12.05pm The Goat (8526742) 12.30 Bush Tucker Man (18904) 1.00 Slot Meithrin: Migmas ac Anturisethau Smot Y Ci (22817) 1.30 Last Safari (5595188) 2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster (85022850) 4.30 Australia Wild (362) 5.00 5 Pump: Rownd a Rownd (8200053) 5.15 5 Pump: Pf (7980879) 5.30 Countdown (614) 6.00 Newyddion 6/ News (524362) 6.15 Heno (358099) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (446430) 7.25 Cwist (604343) 8.00 Hwyl Y Noson Lawen (9817) 8.30 Newyddion / News (8324) 9.00 Cutting Edge: The Sextuplet Business (2362) 10.00 Brookside (82091) 10.30 American Gothic (35140) 11.30 Cybiii (71695) 12.00am Homicide — Life on the

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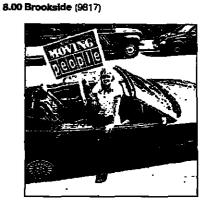
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12.30 Garden Doctors (3/6) (r) (18904) 1.00 Sesame Street (1729782) 1.55 Australia Wild (27143643)

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6.00 Party of Five (513072) 6.50 Fresh Pop (630782) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (451188) 7.55 Books of the Century (761411)



Moving People. An intrnate look at moving house (8324) 9.00 Ellen: The Movie Show. Came Fisher bookstore (4091)

9.30 The Lovers. Geoff plays Scrabble with Beryl and Mum instead of going to night school. With Richard Beckinsale and Paula Wilcox (r) (98140) 10.00 American Gothic: Plague Sower. A

plague of blood descends on Trinity and as the townspeople start dying, Dr Matt Crower (Jake Weber) suffers a nervous breakdown (2121)

11.00 The Naked Truth: Sewer Gator, Swordplay, Santa from Hell. Nora offers Camilla some advice that sees Camilla sacked (3508) 11.30 Cheers: My Fair Clavin Cliff buys an

apartment and finds a girlfriend (71695)

12.00 Manningham Diarles. Powerful documentary using the diaries of real-life prostitutes working in the red-light area of 12.35am Midnight Underground: A Day in the Life with Helena Goldwater. An

avant garde romp through a fictional day in the life of Helena Goldwater, "the (5764251) 1.00 Caitlin. Film Inspired by the love letters

between Dylan Thomas and his wife Caitin, which dramatises their love alfair (8962763) 1.10 Fanci's Persussion. Surreal him set in San Francisco (9532793)
2.25 Desert Rose. From the cottonwoods,

takes and desert of southern Nevada to the casinos, hotels and wedding chapels of Las Vegas (3306947)
2.55 Usa and Jean. The two heroines, one with a licence to kill, the other a jailbird, are on the run through 1960s Europe

(4216812) Ends at 3.05

## SATELLITE AND CABLE



Music TV 5.45 His Song 6.15 This is Your Day 6.45-7.00 Good Moming Europe SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (6243169) 7.55 As the World Turns (9757275) 8.50 Peyton Place (6453459) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (2562695) 10.10-11.00 Another World SKY TRAVEL

11.00 Boomerang (8938256) 11.30 Dive the World (893985) 12.00 California s Gold (2043072) 12.30pm Real Food of China (7389324) 1.00 Getaway (4444850) 1.30 Round Trip (7388995) 2.00 Sports Vaca-tions (5894140) 2.30 Crusing (6753188) 3.00 Globatrofter (5813275) 3.30-4.00 Around the World (6758633) THE HISTORY CHANNEL

(7397343) 7.00-8.00 Biography: Outlaws THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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6,00am Swan's Crossing (1713362) 6.20

8.00am Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (92701) 6.30 Bixer Mice from Mars (55695) 7.00 Rocko's Modern Life (87782) 7.30

4.45 Doug (8088904) 8.00 Sater Saler (9508) 5.30 Sater Sater (8121) 6.00 Space Cases (8362) 6.30 Are You Alraid of the Dark? (9614) DISCOVERY

4.00pm You're in the Army Now (40:8614)
5.00 Time Travellers (46:31121) 5.30
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PARAMOUNT 7.00pm Family Tes (2072) 7.30 Entertainment (5898) 8.00 Wings (8492) 8.30 Liverne and Shrifey (7527) 9.00 Soap (8996) 9.30 Tan (25506) 10.00 Entertainment (26530) 10.30 The A List (85850) 11.00 Siedgehammer (84411) 11.30 Frontine (7549) 12.00 Bob (61218) 12.30am I Love Lucy (14812) 1.00 Soap (10270) 1.30 Tan (57676) 2.00 Entertainment (61589) 2.30 Siedgehammer (40096) 3.00 Tre A List (30034) 3.30-4.00 Wings

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S.00pm Blockbusters (5.224) 5.30 Treasure Hum (27879) 6.30 Calchphrase (5.430) 7.00 Through the Keyhole (5.188) 7.30 Sweet Justice (55514) 8.30 Reing Damp (3.431) 9.00 Har to Her (54782) 10.00 The Ruth Rendel Mysteries: Stake Hands Foreves (64189) 11.00 Dury Free (39965) 11.30 Bagdad Cale (43985) 12.00 Moonlighting (56014) 1.00am Hart to Herr (79034) 2.00 Sweet Justice (23283) 3.00 Moonlighting (37218) 4.00 All Together Now (96557) 4.30-5.00 The Black Station (77589) MTV

8.00am Morning Mer (574633) 11.00 European Top 20 Countdown (52121) 12.00 Greatest Hills (86081) 1.00pm Music Non-Stop (37324) 3.00 Select MTV (28879) 4.00 Hangming Our (30514) 5.00 The Grind (7782) 5.30 Del MTV (3695) 6.00 MTV Hot (7782) 5-30 US MAY (505) 8-00 MTY HO! (7963) 6-30 Peal World 1 — New York (4188) 7.00 Greatest His by Year (6725) 8-00 Road Rules 2 (3968) 8-30 Mry on Stage (6701) 9.00 Singled Out (3989) 9-30 Amour (73546) 10.30 Beavis and Butti-Head (6250) 41 UN Horsbroad with Lettic sent Amour (\* 5945) 10.30 Linguaged, with Hootie and (56362) 11.00 Linguaged, with Hootie and the Blowfish (\*73614) 12.00 Vidos (2695218) 5.00am Awake on the Wildside

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CMT EUROPE Country music from farm to 7pm on

 For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE 7.00am Undun (49508) 9.00 Press Your Luck (148430) 9.20 Lave Connection (8664121) 9.45 Oprah Wintrey (1174091) 1.040 Jeopardyl (6651782) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (9430546) 12.00 Geraldo (59275) 1.00pm Anmal Precice (42666) 1.30 Designing Warmen (39411) 2.00 Jenny Jones (36546) 3.00 Court TV (6633) 3.00 Oprah Wintrey (1195904) 4.15 Undun (7638986) 5.00 Ouantum Leap (7985) 6.00 Seveny Hills 90210 (56459) 7.00 LAPD (8614) 7.30 M·2·S·H (4140) 8.00 Police Stop! 4 (74508) 9.00 The Cuter Limits (87072) 10.00 Quentum Leap (97459)

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**SKY MOVIES** 8.00am The Cay Divorces (1934) (65409) 8.00 Cold River (1982) (27898) 10,00 Josh and S.A.M. (1993) (41256) 12,00 The Southern Star (1969) (12891) 2.00pm A Christmas to Remamber (1978) (71411) 4,00 Babe Ruth (1991) (2817) 6,00 Josh and S.A.M. (1993) (1817) 6.00 Josh and S.A.M. (1993) (44140) 7.30 El News Week in Review

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Random Harvest (1942) (25389633) 2.10pm Little Shop of Hor-rors (1961) (293558) 4.00 Devid end Bathshebs (1961) (1121) 6.00 Pron Hell to Victory (1979) (62343) 8.00 Bdg/ston Beach Wemolns (1965) (72188) 10.00 Christine (1963) (45546) 12.00 Hard to KIII (1990) (265855) 1.40em Compulsion (1969) (265855) 1.40em Compulsion (1969) (265855) 1.40em Compulsion (1959) (872541) 3.25-5.00 Little Shop of Horrors (1961) (868454) THE MOVIE CHANNEL 7.30am Gabrielle and the Doodleman (1984) (2188343) 8.45 Travels of Marco Polo (1993) (545817) 8.45 The Greatest Story Ever Told (1985) (80978966) 12.55pm Killer's Kiss (1955) (8943072) 2.05 Fall-Safe (1964) (373343) 4.00 Gabrielle and the Doodleman (1984) (63904) 5.00 Travels of Marco Polo (1993) (4445) 6.00 Rise and Walt: The Dennis Byrd Story (1994) (99817) 8.00 There Goes My Baby (1994) (94362) 10.00 Cuiz Show (1994) (6329679) 12.15am Heaven and Earth (1985) (29132562) 2.35 Movers and Shakers (1985) (9085473) 4.00-6.00 Escape from

(1985) (9065473) 4.00-6.00 Escape from Terror: The Teresa Stamper Stor (1994) (345541)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am. 8.00am Bonkers (1791140) 8.25 Mouse Tracks (1710275) 8.50 Darkwing Duck (3301072) 7.15 Quack Artack (5488184) 7.40 Aladdin (1737898) 8.05 Timen and Pumbas (7534791) 8.35 Bonkers (37237) 9.00 Mouse Tracks (51817) 9.30 Lamb Chope Play Along! (55508) 10.00 Mulpot Babes (41527) 10.30 Adventures in Worderland (40701) 11.00 Quack Artack (34430) 11.30 Under the Umbrella Tree derland (40701) 11.00 Ousch Allack (34430) 11.30 Under the Umbrella Tree (42459) 12.00 Fraggle Rock (31053) 12.30 ml Lamb Chops Play Along (69324) 1.00 Timon and Pumbaa (81631) 1.30 Alacidin (69959) 2.00 Darkwing Duck (8999) 2.30 Walt Disney Presents (3859188) 3.25 Mouse Tracks (7365459) 3.50 Darkwing Duck (2498411) 4.15 Bonkers (8653140) 4.35 Timon and Pumbaa (2535508) 5.00 Alacidin (2850) 5.30 Chostwiner (1091)

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7.30am Cycling (42237) 9.00 Indycar (75633) 10.30 Football (688140) 1.00pm Water Sking (80878) 1.30 Eurotun (39169) 2.00 Cycling (5762) 2.30 Cycling — Live (6698) 4.00 Football (87508) 5.00 Motors (5169) 5.00 Formula 1 (48817) 7.00 Body Building (88350) 8.00 Prime Time Boding Special (23998) 9.00 Filness (36352) 10.00 Four-sheels (26576) 10.30 Formula 1 (12904) 11.00 Termic (88237) 11.30-12.30am Cycling (93614) SKY SPORTS

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SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Beach Volkeyball (77518546) 1.00pm Coft Edrar US PGA Sentors — the Boone Valley Classic (50796904) 4.30 Water Sal Jump Classic (16054966) 5.00 Agran Football (65708527) 6.00 Boach Volkeyball (77505430) 7.00 Sports Centre (66709256) 7.30 Golf Edra: US PGA Sentors — the Boone Valtey Classic (98306140) 11.00
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4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kidz TV 4.30 General Christian Entertainment 5.00 Kenneth and Giorla

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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11 1996

Former Arsenal manager handed task of halting decline at Elland Road

# Leeds bring Graham out of exile

BY PETER BALL

GEORGE GRAHAM'S exile from football has ended after 17 months. Leeds United appointed him manager yester-day in succession to Howard Wilkinson, who was dismissed on Monday.

Graham will start with a 21/2-year contract. His only comment on its value yesterday was that it is "a big one", and informed speculation suggests it is unlikely to be worth less than £300.000 a year.

"I met George for the first time at 7am this morning, that's how quick it was," Bill Fotherby, the Leeds managing director said, adding: "There was no question of getting one manager out to get another

The appointment came as no surprise, however. Gra-ham is known to be close to Richard Thompson, a neighbour in Hampstead and the owner of the Caspian Group, the club's new owners. His name had been linked with Leeds since the end of his oneyear ban from the game for accepting a £285,000 "bung" from Rune Hauge, the Norwegian agent, for transfer

"What happened to George was discussed by myself and my fellow directors." Fotherby said. "and we decided it

should not be an issue. The problems of the past had no effect on our decision. Quite simply, he is the best man for the job."

Graham said that he never doubted he would get another job. adding: "It's nice to be back." On his record, Leeds could hardly have made a better choice. He won six trophies in eight years with Arsenal, including two League championships, in 1989 and



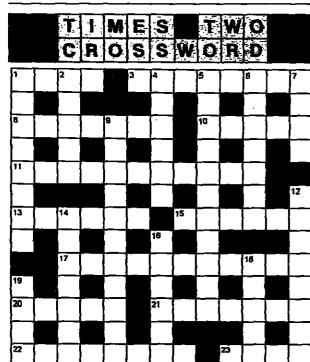
1991, and an FA and Coca-Cola Cup double in 1993, leading on to the Cup Win-

For his part. Leeds represents the big stage he wants. Manchester City, whom he turned down last week. While City's search continues unsuccessfully. Sheffield United yesterday refusing them permission to approach Howard Kendall.

## FACTFILE

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7 Friends (as opposed to kin)

19 Plant support: restrain (4)

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14 Not vote (7)

16 Come forth (6)

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**ACROSS** 

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Leeds did not have to ask Graham twice. "The stature of the club made the decision easier," he said. "I didn't think City was right for me. City aren't in the Premiership. Leeds are, and that's where

I've been for the past ten years. "It was important that I came back at a club which offered the opportunity for success at the same level as I enjoyed at Arsenal, It's a big challenge, a big club. I've seen what Leeds can be like when they're having success, and I thought that, if I can get that back again, Leeds will be very big, up with the giants."

The Leeds fans, who turned against Wilkinson, will expect nothing less. I didn't promise to win anything at Arsenal, just that we would be challenging for trophies, and that is what I expect at Leeds," Graham said.

Whether the fans will enjoy the methods remains to be seen. Arsenal supporters had few complaints until things began to go wrong at the end. but Graham, like Wilkinson. is a man for method rather than self-expression, although his Arsenal team's clenchedfist approach will not be foreign to the Leeds tradition.

"At Highbury, we had fan-tastic team spirit, great pas-sion and attitude," he said. "The side didn't lie down and get beaten easily, and that's what we've got to get here. When Leeds were successful. sides didn't like coming here, and that's what we want

He has also shown himself to be, in his own words, "a canny operator" in the transfailed to spend the money injected by Caspian before he was dismissed, Graham will have around £10 million at his disposal. It is a significant sum if he goes abroad; less so if he buys at home, a market in which he has proved adept. at east until the dog days of his

eight years at Highbury. At Arsenal, he also proved successful in bringing on a group of excellent young players. There is another group at Leeds, although Graham yesterday was, as always, being cautious. I haven't seen Leeds this season, so I don't know the players," he said. "But my strength is working with and assessing players, and I shall

"At Highbury, I was fortunate to join a club which had

Rovers the first halting signs that there might be life after

Alan Shearer. After the 2-1

defeat by Derby County, Ray Harford volunteered the first

criticism of the timing of the

move that took the England

striker from Ewood Park to

With only one point from their first five games,

Harford's position as Black-

burn manager was inevitably

being questioned, on the day

that Howard Wilkinson was

dismissed by Leeds United.

Harford, though, is confident that the Blackburn board is

more aware of the difficulties

The departure of Shearer

left Harford's plans in disar-

ray. "I don't understand how

clubs can sit through the

summer, let the manager fulfil

his game plan, and then do it

after five games," he reflected.

"But you don't know what is

happening to their game-plan.

"Our game-plan was jeopardised by Alan Shearer

going when he did, so close to

the start of the season. At the

end of the season, we had a

game-plan of what we were

trying to do. But we were

waiting and waiting. Waiting

for the end of the European

championship; waiting for Alan to come back for pre-

than Leeds's proved to be.

Newcastle United.

Graham relaunches his managerial career after a 17-month absence with a kick-start at Elland Road yesterday a very talented group of young players, and then we got things right with some shrewd buying in the lower divisions. That's more difficult now."

For the moment, he has not decided on an assistant. David O'Leary, his regular golfing partner during his year out, and Stewart Houston, his

Harassed Harford putting

faith in resurgent Sutton

By Peter Ball

spend, so you ask for a player,

who might be two grand, and

To compound Harford's problems, Sutton was injured

in pre-season. On Monday, if

still short of match fitness, he

was pushed into service. "I

spoke to him last week and said 'We really need you'." Harford said. "He trained Thursday and Friday and

really looked terrific, and

so I told him. Get yourself

ready to be available on

Monday', and he was a big

Sutton responded by scor-

ing Blackburn's first goal of

the season at home and his

Harford: confident

plus for us."

they ask for £5 million."

ON MONDAY night, Chris season; waiting for him to Sutton offered Blackburn have his holiday. And then Rovers the first halting signs you've got \$15 million to

assistant at Arsenal, are among the favourites. Whether he will also return to Highbury for any of his old players is likely to provoke much speculation in the coming days, although Tony Adams, the commanding defender Leeds need, is unlikely to be available.

first Premiership goal any-where since April last year. It was not enough to bring

Blackburn victory, but his all-

round performance suggested

that, after a fallow year, he might be ready to fulfil the promise he showed at Nor-

wich City, and in his early days at Blackburn.

like that, and I know he can,

then he can replace Alan Shearer for us," Harford said.

We were able to play balls in

for him, and he made them

stick most of the time, and if he

didn't, he still made it awk-

ward for the defender. He's a

real leader of the line, and

that's what we've been crying

Yet, although the return of

Sutton is a boost for Harford,

Blackburn need points quick-

ly. On Saturday they go to

Newcastle, giving Sutton an

early chance to match himself

against Shearer. That should

provide the adrenalin rush to

carry him through a second

game so soon after his return.

"You've got to have a game-

plan in everything." he said,

and if that means taking a

few punches on the chin, then you have to do it. Of course, it

might be me taking the punch-

es. If that's the case, so be it.

But the decisions are made by

the people in charge."

Harford will hope it does.

out for."

"If Chris Sutton can play

Wilkinson was not the only person to leave Leeds this week. Peter Gilman, one of the three major shareholders, along with Fotherby and the former chairman, Leslie Silver, was voted off the board yesterday. Gilman had op-posed the sale to Caspian in the summer.

## Chairman maintains family life

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TOMMY McLEAN walked

out on Raith Rovers yesterday just a week after being apppointed and was immediately named as the new manager of Dundee United. A hectic day of managerial manoeuvres began when Billy Kirkwood was dismissed by United. That news was followed rapidly by the announcement from Jim McLean, the United chairman, that his brother would be filling the vacancy. Raith

and United are the bottom two clubs in the Bell's Scottish League premier division. Tommy McLean, who was in charge of Raith for only one match, said: "I've had an agonising 24 hours dealing with this situation and, after much soul-searching, 1 reached the conclusion that. for footballing and family reasons, I could not pass up

the opportunity to manage Dundee United." Jim McLean said: "As directors of the club, we have to make decisions in the best interests of our own club, and the experience and ability of Tommy makes him the ideal man to take the helm here."

lain Munro was another manager to accept a new job yesterday, leaving Hamilton Academical to join St Mirren. Sandy Clark, his assistant. succeeds him at Hamilton.

## Lee finds offer to **buy City** shares tempting

BY DAVID MADDOCK

RANCIS LEE, Manchester City chairman, isconsidering an offer from an as yet unnamed consortium to buy a controlling interest in the Nationwide League first division club.

The bidder has appointed a

broker to secure a 60 per cent stake, and it is understood that Lee is giving serious thought to the proposal. The offer would be worth more than Em million, giving Lee a profit on his original investment of FIG

Lee has made it clear that he has not had any official approach from an Arab consortium. Reports suggested that Prince Walid Iben Talal, of Saudi Arabia, had launched a bid for the club, but Lee denied all knowledge of any such approach yesterday.

Two likelier candidates are David Whelan, the former Blackburn Rovers player, who is now the owner of a sportswear chain, JJB Sports. Whelan is already involved in football with Wigan Athletic, and it is now believed that he would like to become more seriously involved, at Maine Road. Another possible candidate is the Conrad group that was unsuccessful in a bid for Leeds United. The consortium contains two Manchester businessmen.

. If Lee decides to sell, then Stephen Boler, still the major shareholder at Manchester City with a 29 per cont stake, would follow suit. Speaking last week, he said he has received offers for his shares, but would only sell if Lee

It is unlikely that the interested parties will launch a hostile takeover bid, because Lee has share options which would give him a majority control at the club.

If the bid is successful, it could be completed next week. but Lee may remain as chairman to give the supporters a

☐ The Bundesliga side, 1860 Munich, signed Abedi Pele, the Ghana striker, on a free transfer from Torino yesterday. Pelé. 33, a member of the Olympique Marseille team that won the European Cup in 1993, will replace Olai Bodden, who has a viral infection.

> Rob Hughes, page 44 Rangers' task, page 44

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